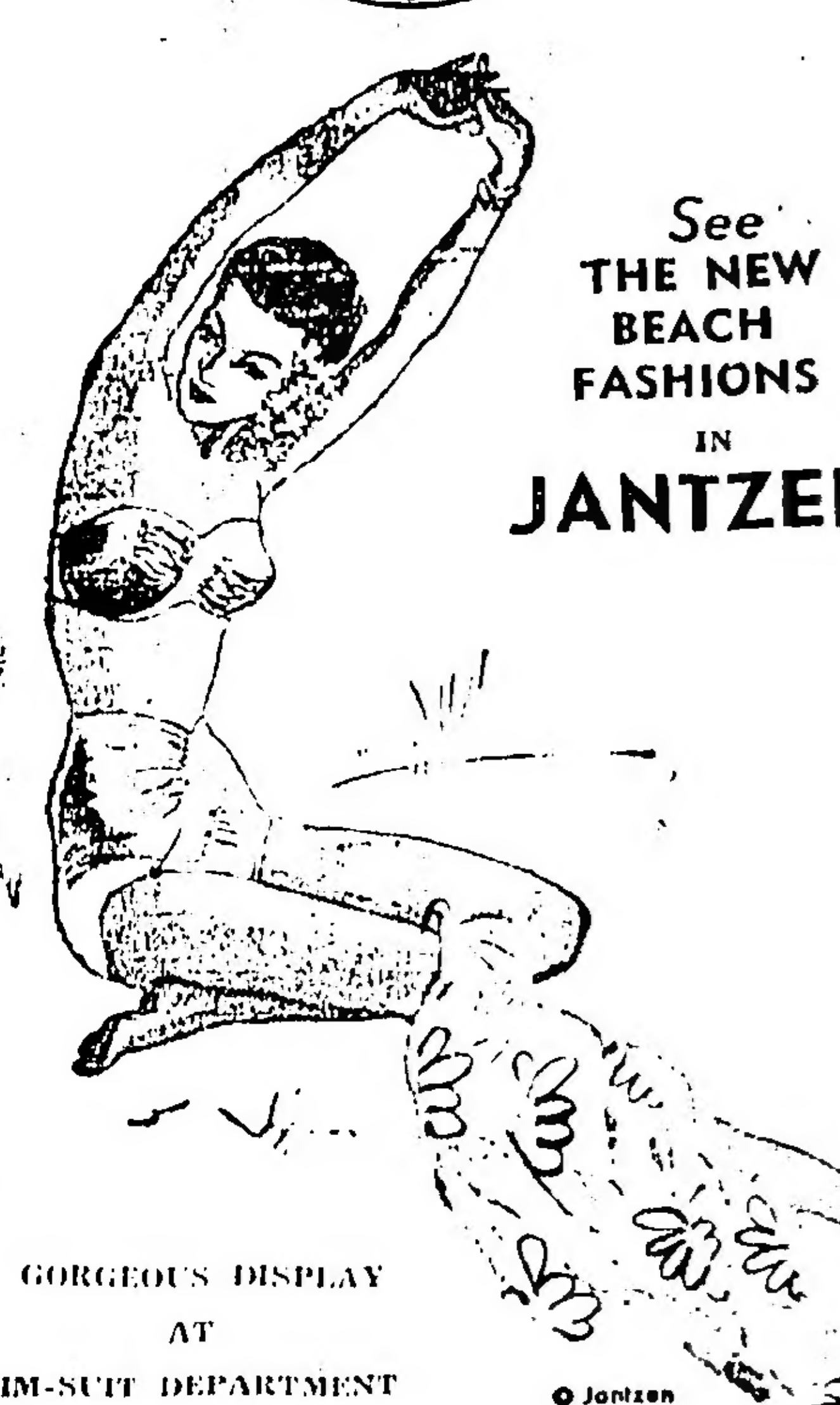






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## No Buyers For Good Spot

One of the most attractive spots on the island failed to attract any buyers yesterday at the Public Works Department's Crown Land auction.

The 64,720-square-foot site on which formerly stood the Peak Hotel was withdrawn from sale as a result of no bidders turning up for the land.

The upset price of the area, adjacent to the upper terminus of the Peak Tram, was HK\$647,000. One of the conditions of sale bound any purchaser to investing not less than HK\$50,000 in rateable improvements.

Only a hotel or block of European-type flats with garages and proper out-buildings can be built on the site.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, held the former lease on the land. The lease expired in December last.

It was learned yesterday that a building not higher than nine storeys will be permitted to be constructed on the land.

## Former Nazi Ambassador Found Guilty

Nuremberg, April 11.

An American war crimes tribunal today found Baron Ernst von Weizsäcker, former Ambassador to the Vatican and state secretary in Hitler's foreign office, guilty of helping to plan an aggressive war against Czechoslovakia.

In the first conviction since Hermann Goering and other top Nazis were sentenced to hang in 1946, the American court found that Weizsäcker was not a mere bystander but acted affirmatively in the German conquest of Czechoslovakia.

He was acquitted of any guilt in planning and aiding Germany's conquest of other European countries.

He will be sentenced on Thursday after the court reads an 800-page judgment against him and 20 co-defendants.

Weizsäcker and 17 others were charged on aggressive war counts. The charges had been dropped against a few of them.

In convicting Weizsäcker, the majority opinion of the tribunal said: "He was not a mere bystander but acted affirmatively and himself conducted diplomatic negotiations both with the interested power (Nazi Germany) doing this, with full knowledge of the facts. Thorough disapproval is not defence to an action."

"While we appreciate the facts that Weizsäcker did not originate this invasion and that his part was not a controlling one, we find it was real and necessary implementation of the programme. We, therefore, are compelled to hold him guilty to the invasion of Czechoslovakia."—United Press.

## Miss Orient's Master, Officers, Crew Blameless

No blame can be attached to the master, officers and crew of the ss. Miss Orient which, capsized following an explosion in the Pearl River delta with the loss of an estimated 107 lives, according to a decision reached yesterday by a Court of Inquiry.

Regarding allegations made against the conduct of three vessels following the Miss Orient from Canton, the Court considered that the masters of the vessels were the only competent judges of a correct course of action in relation to their responsibilities.

The Court commended the officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton for the rescue of the survivors of the river disaster.

Carrying some 404 passengers and crew, the ss. Miss Orient left Canton at 9.20 p.m. on March 24 for Hong Kong. At 10.50 p.m. an explosion caused the ship to founder in the channel leading to Mailland Passage. The vessel listed rapidly to starboard and went on her beam ends to the river bed within a few minutes.

An inquiry into the tragedy was held last Monday by a Court of Inquiry composed of Mr. N. Garland (President), and Lieutenant-Commander J. B. P. Strling, Captain W. Lumsden, Captain R. E. Smith and Captain I. Newton (Members).

The following conclusion was reached by the Court:

**Technical Evidence**

"From the technical evidence of Mr. W. R. K. Collings and the evidence of other witnesses, the Court judges that on about 10.50 p.m. an explosion occurred close to the ship's port side bilge and across the transverse water-tight bulkhead dividing Nos. 1 and 2 holds.

"This explosion produced a hole of approximately 35 square feet in area, which directly opened No. 1 hold to the sea, and also produced a small hole, opening No. 2 hold to the sea. In addition, it caused the lower attachment of the bulkhead to the shell plating adjacent to the larger hole to be seriously disrupted and permitted water entering No. 1 hold to pass into No. 2 hold.

"Mr. Collings' evidence showed that the port lower deck immediately above the hole in No. 1 hold was disrupted and that an opening 12 feet in length by six feet in width was made in it by the explosion.

"In the judgment of the Court this provided adequate proof for the finding of an explosive cause, and the pattern of the disrupted external plating showed substantial evidence of an internal explosion. The damage, which is restricted relatively in extent does not, in the opinion of the Court, indicate that the explosion was produced by a military mine but rather by a somewhat less elaborate contrivance.

"The failure of the telemotor control to the steering gear immediately after the explosion is accountable by reason of shock with possible fracture of the telemotor piping. By this failure

### Water Pours In

"The Court noted from calculations that at least 402 tons of water would enter into No. 1 hold and 14 tons of water into No. 2 hold in each minute, in the condition existing after the explosion. It was a matter of technical interest to the Court to receive Mr. Sprague's assurance that the explosion did not occur across the transverse bulkhead in question and had its effects been confined entirely to either Nos. 1 or 2 holds, the impairment to the vessel's stability and flotation would have been insufficient to jeopardise her immediate safety, and that capsizing, if it had occurred, would have been considerably delayed.

"The Court found that the Miss Orient was surveyed and equipped in accordance with the statutory requirements, and was in fact at the time of the disaster, a well found ship. The evidence in Court showed that the anti-piracy grilles were not locked before the disaster and although closed, had guards standing by. The evidence of Mr. Collings shows that the exits from the passenger spaces on the port side were all found to be open at the time of his inspection.

"There is no reason to believe that the escape provisions for passengers would have been proved inadequate in more normal circumstances. The master, officers and crew were given no time in which to employ the life-saving appliances on board to advantage, and the passengers themselves, because of the suddenness of the disaster, did not even have time to obtain their life-jackets which were not stowed as to be immediately available.

"The Court judges that in all the circumstances, no blame can be attached to the master, officers and crew.

**Three Vessels Following**

"Some evidence was led in Court relating to the conduct of three vessels which were following the Miss Orient down river, and against which an allegation has been made of failing to render all possible assistance. It is difficult to comment on the action of these vessels, but the Court considers that the masters of the ships, in the weather conditions prevailing at the time, narrow waters, where a degree of uncertainty concerning the cause and nature of the accident existed, and without actual knowledge of the obstruction which had possibly occurred in the fairway by the bulk of the Miss Orient, were the only competent judges of a correct course of action, in relation to their responsibilities for the safety of their vessels, passengers and crew.

"The Court desires to record its commendation of the excellent work performed by officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Canton led by Mr. H. Abbott, Chief Preventative Surveyor. These Officers were instrumental in rescuing the passengers and crew of the Miss Orient and in carrying them to safety by the early morning of March 25. The Court also records the valuable technical evidence given by Messrs. Sprague and Collings, which proved of material assistance in forming judgment on

## Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Roth, freelance correspondents for a number of American and European publications, passed through Hong Kong yesterday on their way to Shanghai. They came by TAA plane from Manila and continued by CNAC plane to Shanghai.

Mr. Yao Ke, well-known Chinese playwright, may leave later in the year to assist in the Twentieth Century Fox production of "Transit Hong Kong."

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Member of Parliament, left Hong Kong yesterday by BOAC for Singapore on his way back to the United Kingdom.

Mr. M. V. Palmer left the Colony yesterday for Colombo by BOAC. He will first visit Singapore.

Mr. C. G. Meredith who is proceeding to Bombay left Hong Kong by BOAC yesterday for Singapore.

On his way to visit Calcutta, Mr. P. von Schubert left by BOAC yesterday for Singapore.

Among the passengers who flew to Singapore yesterday by BOAC were Messrs. David Sassoon, A. van Offeren, F. Harris, D. Dalnial, John W. Y. Yuen, and Tay Choon hui.

Mr. J. Q. O'Donnell will address the Kowloon Rotary Club on Thursday at the Club's weekly luncheon at the Peninsula Hotel. The subject will be "Wings Over Mexico and Guatemala."

Mr. T. H. Strangeways will speak on "Fairs in Three Countries" at the weekly film show of the British Council on Thursday at the Helena May Institute at 3.30 p.m.

Mr. J. J. Edelman left for the United Kingdom by BOAC yesterday.

Arrived from Foochow by the Kowloon yesterday were Messrs. J. Chubb, of Dodwell and Company, Limited, and A. F. Hendman.

Mr. K. K. Ramchandani left for Singapore yesterday by CPA.

Mrs. E. H. Chilton, Miss M. A. Mody and Mr. Au Lien-ho left for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Mrs. A. M. Kew and her son, and Messrs. Josef Horn, H. T. Riddle and S. G. Hayes left for Shanghai yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. A. J. Parry and W. C. Gordon arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday from Singapore by CPA.

Among the arrivals from Bangkok on Sunday by CPA were Mrs. Lee Wong-yuen, Messrs. Pedro L. Jintile, A. Grotjohan, Chu Chen, Lee No, and Tan Eyn-han.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Baptista, Miss D. Harrison, Mrs. Y. H. Kwong, Messrs. N. Rosefield, N. C. Mijlar, H. T. Ridder, S. S. Whang, S. G. Hayes, Y. S. Tao, G. A. Reedyk, M. M. Killian, and Dr. P. H. Lissner.

Among the new week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hamer, Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Tai, Mrs. C. P. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Marcel, Messrs. W. Fletcher, James S. Lyons, C. S. Johnston, N. A. Heming, M. Landau, R. K. Bittner and Lieutenant-Commander J. I. R. Dreyer.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Alfredo Augusto Tavares, Advertising Manager, of 99 Gloucester Road, and Miss Theresa Maria Rodrigues, Advertising Director, of St. Joseph Building, "B" first floor, Robinson Road.

**ROBBERS' RUSE TOLD IN COURT**

A ruse by robbers which is alleged to have given them access to the contents of safe on the second floor of 20 Cross Street, Wanchai, on October 2 last, was related before Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

According to the prosecution, the robbers, saying they had been sent by a relative of one of the occupants, talked Wong Ho-king, a married woman, into opening the safe. After producing revolvers and tying up the inmates they got away with about HK\$2,000 in money and jewellery.

Accused were Chan Sang-tung and Wong Pang, who are standing trial before a jury of three men and four women on charges of robbery by two or more and receiving stolen property.

A woman, Ng Sau-ying, was discharged by the Court when the Crown Counsel announced that the prosecution had no evidence to offer against her.

Technical matters, which might otherwise have been obscure, "Finally, the Court wishes to express its most sincere sympathy to the relatives of those who lost their lives in this disaster."

## Wharf And Godown Co. Nets \$2,509,155 Profit

A net profit of HK\$2,509,155 for 1948 was reported at the 58th annual general meeting of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, held in Jardine's board room yesterday.

The net profit showed an increase of more than HK\$770,000 over that of 1947, and was described by the Chairman, Mr. D. F. Landale, as reflecting a year of very satisfactory operation.

A total of 745 vessels discharging 655,415 tons of cargo were handled, as compared with 654 vessels discharging 646,000 tons of cargo during 1947.

Mr. Landale, addressing shareholders, said: "During the last quarter of the year we felt the effects of the Maritime Strike on the West Coast of the United States, and I feel therefore that the overall increase on the previous year's figures can be considered satisfactory, and is reflected in the figures now before you."

"The principal feature of the year, was the acute congestion in Godown space, resulting in our capacity being fully taxed throughout. In order to meet this situation a total of 45,000 tons additional godown space has been built during the year, and space for about 20,000 tons less."

By importing pre-fabricated godowns and constructing others of local materials we were able to keep pace with the influx of cargoes, and although this type of construction is not in keeping with our general type of building it was considered essential to provide the necessary accommodation as quickly as possible. I am glad to say that a result of this policy no ship's discharge has been delayed and no cargo has had to be diverted elsewhere.

**Charges Maintained**

"Although as increase in operating costs developed during the year we were able to maintain our charges at the rates introduced at the end of 1946, and as the speed of ships' discharge has also been maintained at a higher rate than that of most other ports, the overall cost of ships' working is Hong Kong still compares very favourably with anywhere else in the world."

"It is also a matter of record that the incidence of pilferage and cargo thefts in the Port continues to be extremely low. "Our Launch and Lighter Fleet has been well employed during the year, the overall daily average of employment being 74 per cent of the Fleet. Six Lighters have been added to the Fleet, but four craft which had passed the stage of economical repair have been disposed of and the strength of the fleet now stands at eight Launches and seventy-two Lighters, against our pre-war figures of nine and 120 respectively."

"All craft have been maintained in first class condition, and the efficient repairs have been increasingly appreciated by our constituents. A large number of our Lighters have been fitted with Fire Fighting Equipment for the carriage of Dangerous Cargo, and the latest addition to the Fleet is specially constructed for this purpose. The introduction of this craft will considerably reduce the cost of handling small quantities of this type of cargo."

**Dangerous Goods**

"We have also provided additional facilities for storage of dangerous goods during the year, and an extension to our dangerous goods godowns at Yau-mat is now under construction."

"Our general rehabilitation programme has proceeded steadily throughout the year, and extensive maintenance repairs have been carried out throughout our properties. The fire services and sprinkler system at Kowloon Point have been thoroughly overhauled, and new equipment is on order to complete the installations which were unfinished in 1948."

"Our mechanical handling equipment has been increased by the arrival of two new electric gantry cranes and two further mobile cranes. The wharf-praya is now fully served with a battery of six electric gantry cranes, lifting up to 15 tons. The equipment in our timber yard at Yau-mat has also been supplemented with the transfer thereof of the 15-ton steam crane, at present basing in the construction of No. 4 wharf, the facilities in this yard will be back to pre-war level."

"We were also able during the year to secure machinery for the Company's Repel-Shop, which was looked by the Japanese, and this very useful adjunct is once again in full operation."

"General maintenance, upkeep on our eight ocean berths at Kowloon has been carried on throughout the year, and construction of the new No. 4 Wharf is proceeding very satisfactorily. It is hoped that this wharf will be in full operation before the end of this year. The new capital wharf at West Point with its added facilities for passenger and baggage handling, has been in full operation for some time."

"The completion of No. 4 Wharf will mark the end of the first phase of our reconstruction and development programme, which was outlined to you at the annual general meeting in November, 1946. The second phase of the programme has been under consideration by your Board for some time, and tentative plans have been drawn up, which include provision for modernising our No. 1 Wharf."

"Although we have every reason to be satisfied with the extent of our rehabilitation to date, much remains to be done before the effects of the war years are finally made good, and I am sure shareholders will agree that a policy of progressive development is desirable."

**New Leases Granted**

"You will doubtless remember that the leases of all our piers expire at the end of this year, and we have been informed that new leases will be granted under the terms of the announcement made in the Press on August 27, 1947. Pier rentals are to be increased, but your Directors consider the terms in general to be satisfactory and in conformity with the general policy of the Port."

"The Company's canteen quarters in Canton Road, which suffered from neglect during the occupation, have been completely rehabilitated during the year, and there is ample evidence that our permanent labour forces appreciate the provision that has been made for their housing."

"Another instruction during the year was the installation of a staff canteen at Kowloon Point, which has proved very successful and popular."

"Towards the end of the year we were successful in our efforts to resume control of our house property in Halphong Road, when eviction orders against the unauthorised squatters in these houses became effective. These houses had in fact been scheduled for demolition before the outbreak of hostilities, and the intervening years have not improved their condition."

"Your directors have therefore decided to implement a scheme drawn up in 1940 for the housing of our Chinese staff, and to construct a block of modern flats on this site which will accommodate members of the staff and their families to the number of about 600 people."

"Although the cost of construction is of course very much higher today than when the plan was first moved, we have decided that the conditions under which so many of our staff have been living ever since the re-occupation make it essential to proceed with this plan, although it will not provide for the whole of our staff, will at least alleviate the situation to a considerable extent. I am sure shareholders will approve this decision."

**Outbreak Of Fire**

"The past year was marked by the unfortunate outbreak of fire in our 'C' Godown. In August, which spoiled the Company's unbroken record of 50 years without a conflagration. The loss of two lives and of so much valuable cargo caused great concern to your Board and Management, but I am glad to say that the subsequent official inquiries found that no blame attached to the Company."

"I take this opportunity of publicly expressing our thanks to the members of our staff who so promptly dealt with the initial outbreak, and to the Hong Kong Fire Brigade and Military Fire Brigade for their prompt and efficient services, which resulted in confining the fire to a comparatively small area."

"The two godowns, destroyed in the fire have been replaced by new buildings."

"Before turning to the accounts I would like once again to express our appreciation of the work of our staff, throughout the year. We have revived during the year the pre-war practice of working ships 'round the clock' when necessary. This has only been possible through the efforts of all members of the staff, who have cheerfully met all difficulties incidental to the congestion of godown space, to which I referred in my opening remarks. I am sure shareholders will appreciate them for the results achieved."

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## Colony's Rateable Value Set At \$95,000,000

The rateable value of Hong Kong and Kowloon for the year 1949-1950 is HK\$95,000,000, as compared with HK\$80,000,000 the previous year. Revenue from rates last year was around HK\$15,000,000.

This information was revealed by Mr. J. Ring, the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation, at a Press conference yesterday.

Mr. Ring said a great deal of the increase is due to new building, reconstruction, alterations and additions.

Hong Kong's rateable value was compared by Mr. Ring to that of the largest cities in England, after London. In terms of Sterling Hong Kong's rateable value is just under £6,000,000.

### WHARF AND GODOWN CO.

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"Turning to the accounts, I do not think anything in the Profit and Loss Account calls for special comment. Depreciation charges have increased, but this is due to the increased value of our assets, consequent on the reconstruction and development to which I have already referred, and which expenditure during the year amounted to \$2,201,051.00.

"There are several changes in the Balance Sheet as compared with that presented at the last meeting. You will doubtless recollect that on the day on which that meeting was held it was announced to the Press that there would be no payment of compensation for War Losses by the Hong Kong Government; there is at present no indication as to whether any repayments will be forthcoming, and your Board have therefore decided to set off our War Losses Account against Reserves. The figure will not be eliminated from our Balance Sheet, however, but will be the subject of further consideration in the light of any future developments of this vexed problem.

"The General Reserve has been increased by \$1,000,000.00 received during 1949, amounting to \$1,000,000.00, transfer from General Contingencies Account of \$248,288.00 and transfer from War Damages Provision of \$250,172.00, and after writing off War Losses now stands at \$3,750,000.00.

### Satisfactory Settlement

"The General Contingencies Account was set up to provide for occupation and interest on Blocked Account, on the lifting of the moratorium a satisfactory settlement of this liability was reached, and a surplus remained, which has been transferred, as stated, to this account. It is now closed, as also is the Provision for Rehabilitation of War Damaged Property. The only Provision which remains active is that for Profits Tax, and as set out I think that this account is self explanatory.

"The balance of payments in respect of the 1947-1948 financial year has been received in full, and the issued capital stands at \$9,000,000.00.

"You will note that our cash position at December 31, 1948 was strong, but our commitments that date as shown in the second note on the Balance Sheet amounted for 75 per cent of our cash balance. The bulk of these commitments are in respect of our new No. 4 Wharf.

"In the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, you will see that the balance available for appropriation is \$3,223,195.44, and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:

1. Provide for Taxation \$ 178,899.00  
2. Add to General Reserve 639,538.08  
3. Pay a Dividend at the same rate as last year, i.e. \$12.00 per Share, less Tax 1,831,700.70  
4. Carry forward to next Account 572,967.00

"I now move that the Report and accounts as presented together with the Appropriations Incorporated therein, be adopted."

The motion was seconded by Mr. T.N. Chau who congratulated the Board and Management on the year's working, and endorsed the Directors' policy of progressive development.

Mr. Chau considered the sum of HK\$10,000 as Directors' Fees to be inadequate. This sum was fixed by the articles of the Company in 1880, and a substantial increase was overdue. He suggested that the relative article should be amended.

The Chairman said this matter would receive the attention of the Board.

The motion was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Mr. Horace Kadoorie's appointment to the Board in place of Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie who had resigned, was confirmed by the meeting.

Mr. H.D. Benham and Mr. N.O.C. Marshall, the two retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board.

Peat Marwick Mitchell and Company, Limited and Percy Smith and Company were re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

Supporting Mr. Landale in the chair were Sir Maclean Lo and Messrs. H.D. Benham, E.R. Hill, H. Kadoorie, N.O.C. Marshall, T.B. Wilson and A.R. Penn (Director).

Mr. C.E. Terry (General Manager) and Mr. G.B.S. Thomson (Secretary) were also present.

Shareholders present were Messrs. T.N. Chau, Wong Sik-chen, W. Hyde, C. Hagedorn, J. Woodman, J.B. Beth, J. Miller, A.M. Mackenzie, T.J. Norman, J. Peter and Major C.W.L. Way.

Birmingham's is £7,340,980; Liverpool's £6,590,494; Manchester's £4,490,275; Leeds £3,951,534; Sheffield £3,400,950, and Bristol's £3,382,122.

Mr. Ring was announcing the re-valuation of rateable tenements of the Colony under the Rating Ordinance for the new financial year commencing April 1.

By tenement, said Mr. Ring, land with or without buildings is meant, and after January 1, 1950, it will also include piers, which at present are not subject to assessment.

Continuing Mr. Ring said: During the past quarter rather more than the usual number of assignments of private lands passed through the Rating and Valuation Department for review of the considerations, due to the exceptional number, 273 received in January.

"The market values of real estate in the Colony seem to be steadily rising now after a continuous increase (apart from one or two minor and short-lived setbacks) since the end of 1945.

"The number of cinemas and theatres is now again over 30. It dropped to below this figure as a result of war damage.

"Considerable increases in residential accommodation of all kinds have been made in the last 12 to 18 months, and a good deal more is nearly completed, building or contemplated. A number of shops, factories, and workshops have also been completed and occupied. The Peak district is rapidly becoming rehabilitated and some places ruined houses are being replaced by blocks of flats. In a number of cases, however, these flats are being put up by firms as quarters for their staffs. This will, nevertheless, release for others the quarters that these staffs previously occupied. The rehabilitation that is going on is pretty well distributed, that is, it is going on in all districts. There are, however, still big gaps in some of the bomb-destroyed areas, gaps that were formerly filled with tenement houses. In a number of cases, however, such gaps are being filled up.

### In Great Demand

"The demand for accommodation of all kinds is still in excess of the supply, though somewhat less so than a year ago.

"The number of flats held vacant for some time, doubtless with a view to obtaining the highest rents, has become small as a result of the requisitioning of vacant premises carried out by the Government. It is desired to direct the attention of owners and occupiers of properties to the fact that they are required to fill in and return the Forms No. 1 (in the Schedule of the Rating Ordinance) that are sent to them and that penalties may be imposed under the Ordinance if they fail to do so.

"With regard to house numbering, careful consideration is given to the allotment of new numbers, and gaps are left where necessary for new construction for the type of development that seems most probable. The use of special number plates was considered before the war but the idea had to be dropped owing to the pressure of the war work. We do not change numbers more than can be helped owing to the great inconvenience this causes to tenants and owners e.g. where their premises have been described in legal documents and where business addresses are concerned, etc.

In answer to questions Mr. Ring said that of the Colony's total rateable value, about HK\$35,000,000 is on the mainland and HK\$60,000,000 on the Island.

Rating in the New Territories is under a new system, and the assessment is very slight, said Mr. Ring.

Asked for the number of requisitioned flats, Mr. Ring said he could not give the figure off-hand, but it is very small. It is only in very bad cases that a flat is requisitioned.

At present work is limited mainly to helping refugees.

Today the organisation's activities in China are greatly hampered, he pointed out. The constantly changing value of the Yuan has been a very serious problem.

Mr. Bieri stressed that the Red Cross is an impartial, non-political organisation.

"We recognise both sides in a strife," he declared. "The victims of war must be helped irrespective of race, nationality, or political creed."

Mr. Bieri, who was specially chosen by the International Committee of the Red Cross at Geneva for the mission, said that it is his purpose to offer help to the sick and wounded, as well as to the refugees of China.

"If one nation fights another nation and both nations are signatories of the (Geneva) Con-

vention, then we can do something," he explained.

"But in a civil war we can only help if both parties agree. We can at least ask both sides to recognise certain points."

Mr. Bieri cited the examples of Spain and Greece. In Spain the Red Cross was able to obtain the consent of both sides and to collect and treat the wounded.

The delegate went on to say that in this uncertain age of atom bombs and "frog-men" (underwater demolition workers employed during the war to sabotage ships, detect mines, etc.), the International Red Cross must be prepared both for peace and war.

The Red Cross pursues its humanitarian efforts in either case.

The Red Cross with its 68 national societies and 100 million individual members, relies on those national societies and those members, as well as public-spirited non-members all over the world, for finances. The national societies collect for the purposes of the organisation within their borders. During the last war a large amount of the money used for the relief of war prisoners and other expenses came directly from the Swiss people, in whose country the organisation has its international headquarters.

Mr. Bieri reports that the Red Cross representative at Stanley Camp here during the war had received money collected by the Japanese for his "expenses." Those expenses were paid by the International Red Cross at Geneva, he said.

The Japanese are not signatories to the Geneva Convention.

## RED CROSS COMMITTEE HOPES TO BE OF HELP

The Red Cross is today in contact with both Chinese Nationalists and Communists and hopes soon to be able to do something for China.

Mr. Frederick Bieri, delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, told the press yesterday that he is conducting talks with both sides in the hope of receiving permission for the Red Cross to do more for the victims of China's civil war.

Mr. Bieri said that he had been able to contact persons ages connected with both sides, but so far had not received any definite answer from either Nationalists or Communists. Since the Red Cross is a strictly neutral, non-political organisation, whose interests are purely humanitarian, he feels optimistic about the eventual outcome of the negotiations.

At the invitation of the Nationalist Government Mr. Bieri recently visited Canton, where he met General Wu Te-chen, former Vice Premier of China and Minister of Foreign Affairs and other high officials of the Chinese Government. Dr. Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Chinese Red Cross Society, who was in Canton at the time, supplied him with valuable information about the present activities of the Red Cross Society in China, he said.

"So far we have had no answer from the North," Mr. Bieri said. "But these things take time."

Mr. Bieri said that he bases his hopes that the Peiping authorities will grant the Red Cross request on two facts mainly—one, the Society of Friends (another international humanitarian agency) is allowed to operate in North China; and two, the Red Cross is still working in Manchuria.

"Possibly, we may have to have one delegation in the North and another in the South with somebody in Hong Kong or Macao to co-ordinate the work," Mr. Bieri said.

The Red Cross official said that it is too early to say just what form Red Cross aid to China may take. As yet, no money has been allocated for the job, he added.

At present work is limited mainly to helping refugees.

Today the organisation's activities in China are greatly hampered, he pointed out. The constantly changing value of the Yuan has been a very serious problem.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949, both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 28th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD. General Managers.

April 4, 1949.

## BRITISH LEGION

## HONGKONG &amp; CHINA BRANCH

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the British Legion, Hongkong & China Branch, will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel at 5.30 p.m., on Tuesday, 12th April, 1949, by kind permission of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Last year the Annual General Meeting was very poorly attended, and it is hoped that all Members of the British Legion will be present.

## AGENDA

1. Adoption of Accounts.
2. Election of President & Committee.
3. Any other business.

Members are reminded that Subscriptions for 1949 are now due.

Any ex-service men or women who might like to join the British Legion are welcome.

E. J. R. MITCHELL, for Hon. Secretary.

## THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a Casting Meeting for all those interested, both Members and any newcomers for the play "QUIET WEEKEND" at the P.R.O. THEATRE, STATUE SQUARE, DES VOEUX RD. ON WED., 13th April at 8.00 p.m.

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## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

## China's Trouble

Sir,—It is peculiar that while your correspondent "Doo Mo Loo" is prepared to admit that there is a civil war in China, he remains blind to the fact that present day conditions in China are largely due to this civil war.

If your correspondent will read the early history of Great Britain, America and France, he will find that anarchy also existed in the days when these countries were torn asunder with civil strife. Although Hong Kong is not in the throes of civil strife and has the backing of a powerful Navy, Army and Air Force, not to mention an excellent Police Force, there are certain areas here beyond the limits of the Gloucester and Hong Kong Hotel where garbage is piled high and the filth is such as to make one's stomach turn.

One does not have to visit Shanghai to see quarters huts on the side-walk. There are plenty of quarters huts in Hong Kong and if "Doo Mo Loo" will take the trouble to carry out a careful survey of this Colony, he will find this to be the case. Since "Doo Mo Loo" gives the impression that he is a recent arrival here, I would recommend that he purchase back copies of the "China Mail" in which photographs of the different quarters huts are shown. As to poor wounded soldiers begging from the populace for their existence, this is typical of a defeated Army is concerned. After the fall of Hong Kong in 1941, it was not uncommon to see Allied soldiers in Chinese villages begging for food and protection, which was freely given.

While loud in his condemnation of the corruption in a once beautiful city, the "Paris of the East," your correspondent has overlooked the fact that corruption is also rampant in this "Jale of Fragrant Streams"—Britain's remaining Gem in the Far East.

In your correspondent not aware of the fact that the Government Departments in Hong Kong are not with corruption and that while foreign correspondents are subject to "exploitation" by certain branches of our Civil Service, the average Chinese is, in the majority of cases, called upon to pay through the nose for any concession or benefit which he seeks to obtain from Government.

"Doo Mo Loo" says that Shanghai was offered back to the Powers and refused. Could he state whether this offer was confirmed by Nanking, London, Washington, Paris and Moscow?

It has never at any time been suggested that there was more than a handful of foreigners in China. It is my point, therefore, that the more handful of foreigners in China should quit the country and not attempt to run their respective Governments into forcing another war on China similar to that of the "Opium War" simply because they find the going tough.

## SIMPLE SIMON.

## Who Is The Right Party?

Sir,—Having never professed to know the right party in China to whom the rendering of foreign financial assistance would not be tantamount to pouring money down the drain, it is unreasonable for "Doo Mo Loo" to ask me to name such a party. As to who is doing the corruption in China, "Doo Mo Loo" must have been "all in a whirl" for the last quarter of a century if he cannot even make a guess.

My first letter in the correspondence column was merely to tell "Blue Lafayette" that his line of thought—sending foreign warships to patrol Chinese territorial waters and re-establishing international concessions in China—was outmoded.

It is up to the nation who is willing to give China financial assistance to find out who the right people are to whom such aid should be given.

My contention was and still is that financial assistance to the present Nanking regime will not achieve the desired results.

## AVENUE JOFFRE.

## Britain's Budget

Sir,—A Hong Kong newspaper headlined a reference to the English budget with the words "Most Courageous Budget Ever Produced". The praise is possibly not too high. It will however, not the world wonder if English people will in the end be able to stand the unending strain.

The world as a whole and not England is to blame. Faced by two world catastrophes in 1914 and 1939 respectively, England stepped in for and on behalf of the world, and took upon her own shoulders debts which would not her own debts but debts of the world.

Emerging victorious in the end, the world failed to make the gesture which (so it seems to me) would have restored some of the gold and securities necessary for immediate continued existence.

Years later we got the "Most Courageous Budget Ever Produced". Does the world approve? CHARLES LOSEBY.

## Pakistan Protest

Sir,—On behalf of the Pakistan team, I wish it to be made known that we intend to withdraw our protest in connection with the International Series final played and which resulted in 7-6 count in favour of Portugal.

Please let it be known that we are convinced that no bad sportsmanship is involved in our protest. Our intention to withdraw is not to muffle prejudiced observations of our case. Neither is it because we feel that our protest is not going too well—it has been twice heard by the Association General Committee—and will in all probability be rejected. All that is further from our mind.

However, if any interested party were to tell us that we have been guilty of unportmanteau for one reason or another in protesting, please let it be known we are prepared to pursue the case to its very limit. But, do not for a moment think we are defying anyone. We may be the underdogs in softball, being in the minority, but we refuse to be pushed around.

In the official Rules of Softball of the International Joint Rules Committee (of Detroit, U.S.A.), which local competitions adhere to, in addition to others set out by the Hong Kong association, specific sections are laid down to cover protests. Our protest is under Section 7, Rule 33 i.e. that Portugal fielded an ineligible player in the game in question. Registration was asked for the International Series. Both teams should have observed them. If one didn't it should take the consequences.

A game was played and Portugal beat Pakistan. What caused all the unprecedented absence of leading players from both squads is wondered at but that should not matter. No effort is made, either, to point a finger of blame at anybody. Pakistan

wanted only a replay, but it's out of the question according to the rules. Forciture, if the protest is upheld, will be the only answer. Pakistan have no stomach for such a victory.

So—Portugal won the final played. They should have the pennant with our compliments. We wish to congratulate them for having won the shield at last. If all these things had not arisen, your victory, Portugal, would have been more satisfying. As it is, it's a job well done.

Opportunity is taken to thank "Grandstand," your softball writer, for his fair and knowledgeable "treatment" of our protest. A. R. MARKAR.

## LIFE IN KOWLOON

Around the Tsimshatsui area, apartment buildings and private hotels are going up almost as quickly as you can count them. What was a few months ago a junk heap of the war's aftermath, is today a shining example of the Colony's speedy recuperation from her ills. In this case, her housing. The buildings are varied in architecture.

If an old resident of Kowloon Tong were to revisit that "garden city" he would not believe his eyes.

The prototype buildings that once characterised Kowloon Tong have given way to modern constructions. On the once vacant huge lot at the end of Kowloon Tong, on the right side of Waterloo Road, construction companies are busily at work starting from the bus terminus and continuing, the whole mile stretch to Christ Church. Even Kowloon Tong, is donning the new look of modern living!

Talking about buildings, the Hong Kong Telephone Company's Kowloon premises at Nathan Road, near Cameron Road, has now shot up to its 13th floor. This will alter the appearance of Kowloon indeed when this skyscraper, which will challenge anything Hong Kong has to offer, reaches its 15th storey at completion.

Kowloon's famous "Flower Street" may have traditions and all that, but Kowloon's is having its grand beginning. The flower street in Kowloon is situated in the lane leading from Nathan Road (by Hapiphong Road) into Winglock Street.

Kowloon's flower street is proving just as busy as Hong Kong's. Every morning cheery housewives along the flower covered stall along the lane selecting blooms.

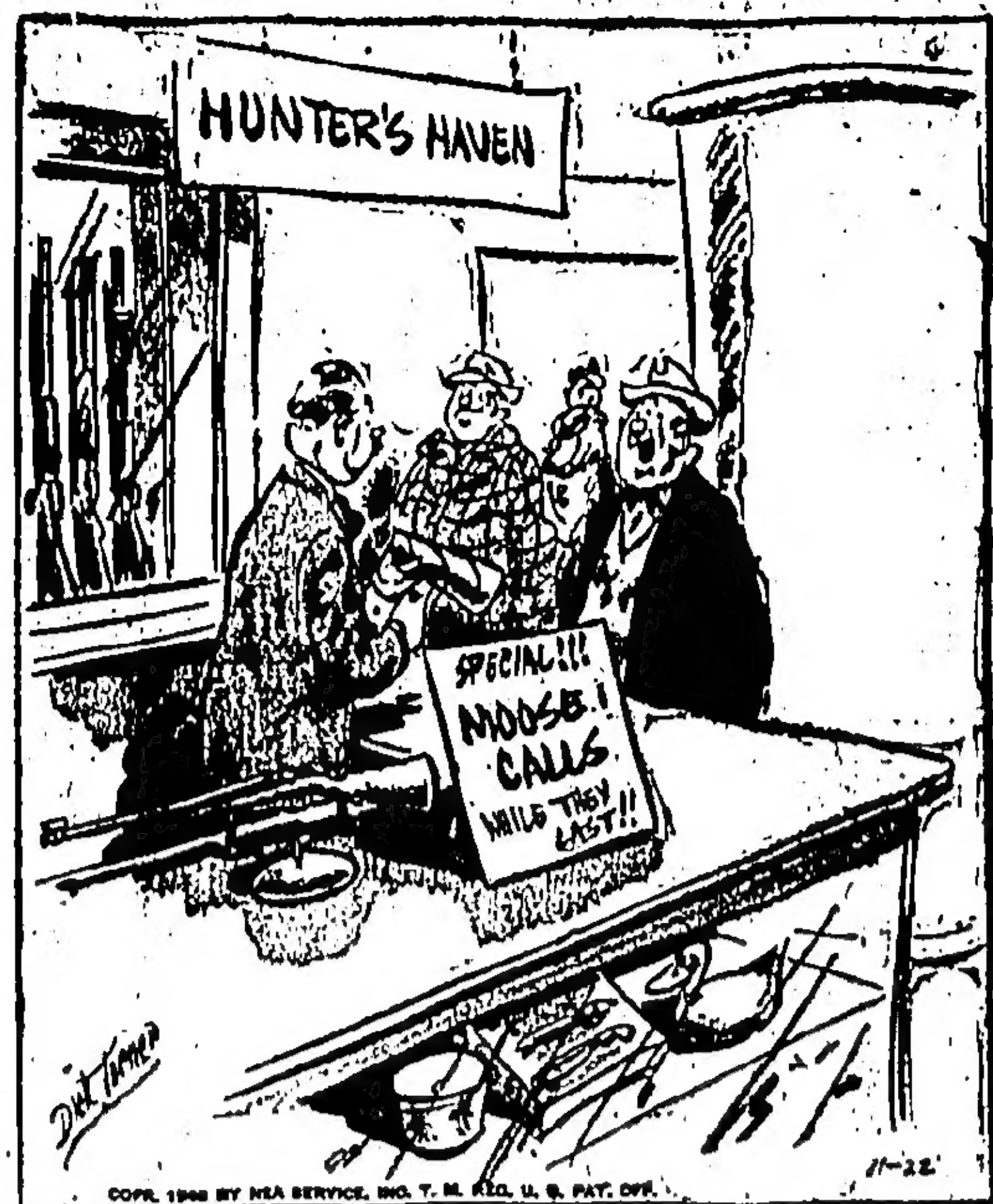
Another cinema theatre is about to be opened in Kowloon. It is the new Broadway Theatre, situated at the junction of Argyle Street and Nathan Road in Mongkok, near the Kowloon branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. The theatre is to run first release films.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You got one that sounds like a hussy?"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

PLACING HIGH CARDS After early play has shown that the non-opening defender is the holder of a high card or cards, leaving barely enough to justify the bid made by his partner, the declarer should count that blunder as having any particular high card still unseen. Plotting his course according to such inferred knowledge, he may devise an entirely different scheme of action from that used by the careless champion who would not make such deductions before committing himself to a fixed line.

SA 6 5 H A J 2 D K 10 8 2 C A 8 7 S J 10 H Q 6 5 N E 9 3 D A Q J T 3 C Q 10 4 S K 8 7 3 2 H 10 9 D 5 4 C K J 9 8 THE (Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable).

East South West North Pass Pass 1 Dbl 1 H 1 S Pass 1 NT Pass 2 S Pass 3 S Pass 4 S S Q 4 H Q 6 5 N E 9 3 D A Q J T 3 C Q 10 4 S K 8 7 3 2 H 10 9 D 5 4 C K J 9 8 THE (Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable).

Two declarers in this contract during a tournament gave the deal widely different play against the same initial defence. In each case the heart Q lead was won by the A and followed by the spade A and K. Then came the difference. One of them scored the club A and finessed the J to the Q. He therefore was set, when the defence took a trick each in the two red suits.

The other declarer figured out that the club finesse would lose, so built a different play for his contract, a squeeze. His logic was simple. West's opening lead

of the heart Q made it clear that East had the K. That left barely enough high cards for West's opening bid if he had every other unplayed defence honour, including the club Q. Starting with that inferred information, he did a neat job.

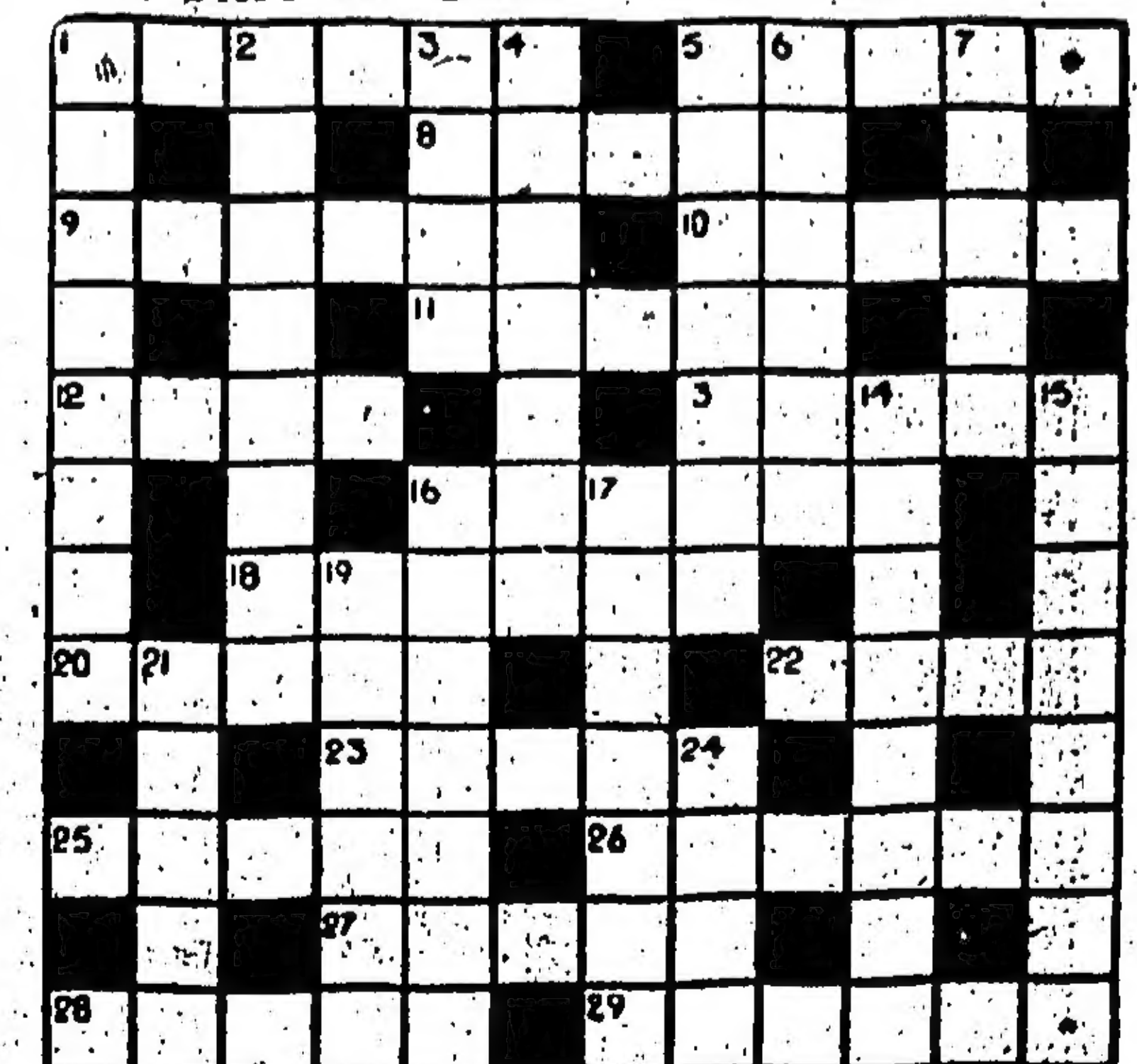
First he gave up the fourth trick with a small spade to the Q, watched the heart K win, took the returned club 5 with the K so as to leave the A for his squeeze entry into the dummy, then led the diamond 5 toward the K, the A winning West returned the diamond Q to the K, whereupon the heart J furnished a club discard, the diamond 8 was ruffed by the spade 7 and the J-9 also in his hand and the dummy holding the diamond 10 and club A-8. West was squeezed between the diamond J and club Q-10. Seeing the diamond 10 in dummy he clung to his J and discarded a club. The diamond 10 was then thrown from dummy, the club A felled the Q and the club J took the final trick.

Tomorrow Problem S 2 H 10 8 3 D Q 10 8 4 2 D K J 6 2 S Q 10 7 H 7 6 4 2 N E H A K Q D 7 3 J 9 D None C 9 3 S Q 10 4

SA 5 H 5 D A K J 9 6 5 C A 8 7 5 (Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable).

On the heart king lead by East, what card should West play, and why, in the effort to beat North's 6-Diamonds?

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## Across

- 1 Method.
- 5 Address to a lady.
- 8 Evil spirit.
- 9 Stringed instrument.
- 10 Record.
- 11 Musical note.
- 12 Periods.
- 13 Revolves.
- 18 Remove.
- 19 From office.
- 20 Checks.
- 21 Volcano.
- 23 Moral work.
- 26 Healing.
- 27 Large.
- 28 Avarice.
- 29 Delicious drink.

Yesterday's Crossword Across: 3 Ogre; 7 Break; 8 Dial; 9 Seed; 10 Educate; 12 Yarn; 15 Arena; 16 Grip; 19 Treat; 21 Amies; 22 Boer; 23 Emerald; 26

## Down

- 1 Proposes.
- 2 Fitting.
- 3 Cheese.
- 4 Deserved.
- 5 Warship.
- 6 Prejudicial spirit.
- 7 Pale.
- 14 Limit.
- 15 Foreigner.
- 16 Coward.
- 17 Bird.
- 19 Come out.
- 21 Slander.
- 24 Shrewd.

Onto; 20 Inertia; 20 Want; 21 Divo; 22 Essay; 23 Germ; 24 Down: 1 Trade; 2 Lament; 4 Green; 5 Eddy; 6 Pail; 7 Ship; 11 Arise; 13 Avar; 14 Note; 15 Anno; 17 Halo; 18 Gift; 20 Redress; 22 Boet; 24 Minor; 25 Final; 27 Arid; 28 Swag.

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## Village Elder Charged With Bribery Offer

A 75-year-old elder of Tai Po Village was charged at Kowloon yesterday with corruptly offering a bribe to Dr. P. M. van der Linde. Tang Fung-sung, chairman of the Tai Po Chinese Chamber of Commerce, prominent citizen and village elder, was defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, and the prosecution was conducted by Assistant Superintendent of Police J. Moore.

The prosecution's case was that on October 13, 1948, a man named Tan Woon-kai of Tai Po Village, applied to the District Officer, Tai Po for a licence to commence the Greenville Amusement Park on lots numbers 183 and 185 in D.D.6.

Before the applicant approached the D. O. a health inspector went to the site and examined the premises. He reported his examination to the Health Officer and later a letter containing 11 health requirements was forwarded to the applicant by Dr. P. M. van der Linde.

Then on October 13, the applicant applied for a licence to open a boarding house within the amusement park. Health examinations were once more conducted and while examining the premises, health officers noticed that former health requirements had not yet been complied with by the applicant.

On the same day, defendant visited the Doctor at the latter's home.

Defendant asked the doctor if they could talk in private. They went into the doctor's study and at once defendant asked what was the amusement park's position. He was told that until the health requirements were approved, no licence would be issued.

### Present Refused

Defendant then said that his kinsmen wished to give the doctor a gift for Christmas. This was immediately refused by the doctor who told defendant that it is forbidden. Pressing the matter, defendant again offered to buy the doctor a present. Finally he said he would like to buy something for the doctor's two children.

Dr. van der Linde then told the defendant that he had considerable difficulty over the amusement park and that the defendant's offer, apart from being illegal, would only hinder his kinsmen from opening the park. The defendant then left the room.

They went into the sitting room where Mrs. van der Linde was having tea with a lady guest. In the room while the doctor's back was turned defendant took out from his pocket two \$500

notes and put them into the hands of the doctor's two children who were sitting nearby.

The doctor turned and saw this and immediately took the money from his children and gave them back to defendant. He then hustled defendant from the house. The prosecution also said that defendant had three small pieces of land in the amusement park. These lands were leased to the applicant for \$300 a month.

### First Visit

The doctor said that the visit was the defendant's first since he had known him in 1947.

He admitted that defendant was very helpful to the government and that in 1947 defendant was chosen as chairman of a health committee to aid his office in fulfilling health requirements at Tai Po.

In the witness box, defendant admitted that he had visited the doctor but said their talk was about some members of the health committee who wished to resign. He said that he was not a bit interested in the amusement park since his only connection with its owner was leasing of three small pieces of land.

After hearing the evidence given by the prosecution and the defence, Mr. Blair-Kerr said that he was going to take the unusual course of discharging the defendant with a caution.

He said that it was apparent from the evidence that the defendant was a very much respected personality and his record of public service has been emphasized continually throughout the case.

The fact that a conviction was recorded must in itself be an adequate punishment.

### JUNK WITH TWO CANNONS

A junk stopped by the police had two old cannons mounted on it. Inspector J. Orem told the court that formerly this was permissible but there has since been an alteration to the Ordinance.

He suggested that the cannons be held and that defendant, who was altogether innocent, be discharged. This was granted by Mr. J. Wicks.

## New Splendour Seen Along Nathan Road

Kowloon's shopping centre, busiest along the first mile of Nathan Road, has recently been displaying a new splendour.

Shopping establishments of various descriptions have sprung up in the Tsimshatsui district, displaying high grade articles providing the shoppers with a very large choice.

The first to lead in window display are the famous Kowloon "silk stores." Cotton material of dazzling patterns seen to be the vogue among women as well as men.

The old single tone coloured shirts that Hong Kong men have been wearing, now seem to be going out. This summer, it will not be uncommon to see men clothed in a striking variety of colours. Yes, the men are threatening to encroach on women's monopoly over "brightness," to what success, you will soon see for yourself when they parade in mustard-coloured linen shirts, matched—or unmatched—depending upon your sense of blending—with bright blue slacks. This combination may also be in pink, green, orange or even purple.

### Bathing Suits

Judging by the display in Kowloon's shops of women's bathing suits, it seems that this year's costumes will look more like the things that can be safely swum in. They nevertheless will, as ever, make the men's swimming on a public beach rather difficult.

Do you usually get into a frenzy about what to buy for presents?

For children's toys visit the National Toy Company at 220 Nathan Road. You will find there all your requirements, and costs are low.

Here you will find toys to suit all ages. There are birthday cards, with appropriate inscriptions, paper-doll sets and mamma dolls for Judy, guns, soldiers and trains for Harry or Tom. There is also a fair collection of books, thrilling school-boy adventures, stories for girls, etc.

Items suitable for the nursery are also in fair numbers.

Equally so in the Sunny Company at 90 Nathan Road. This place will be extremely convenient for residents along the Kimberley-Carnarvon-Cameron-Mody Road district.

### For Cold Drinks

Cold drinks will soon be in constant demand and therefore tumbler to serve them in should be just as important as the thirst quenchers.

At the Evergreen—the junction of Nathan and Jordan Road—there is a varied assortment of colourful tumblers, ideal for serving in outdoor social such as luncheon parties, summer houses and bathing sheds.

These tumblers, in varying grades are priced from 60 cents to \$1.20 each.

With Easter just around the corner, the traditional symbol, the Easter Egg, is featured in many Nathan Road shops.

The "Chanticleer" at 170 Nathan Road, is a good place to visit for your eggs and chocolate moulds.

A few shops away, is the "Cherikoff Baker" also an ideal place to make such purchases. Chocolate moulds in many interesting forms will give your table that cheerful appearance on Easter morning.

### Teen Aged

For teen aged, ever bent upon something unique, unimpaired of its conspicuousness, "Powah Company" at 174 Nathan Road—near St. Andrew's Church—has it.

This is in the form of handkerchief, for teen aged girls only, and definitely not meant for the nose—that come in exciting prints, depicting typical (whatever is typical about teen aged), scenes of teen life. These handkerchiefs cost very much and will be ideal as a casual gift by a teen boy friend.

Popular among men, that dress and have a weakness for ties, are the new tie clips. These come in shape of a sword or Oriental sabre and cost not more than \$15.

Tie clips will provide an excellent gift to your favourite beau. If he doesn't wear one, he soon will.

For a housewife desiring a change of cheese for the breakfast table, The Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company, has something to offer. This is their "Blue Cheese" (Danish) that sells for \$4.40 a pound. The Dairy Farm also offers "Victory" brand evaporated milk for \$1.05 a tin, and "Oak" brand, full cream powdered milk that sells for \$1.00 a tin. Ask for these items from the Dairy Farm the next time you cheese and tinned milk stock runs out.

### DIAMOND HILL STORE CASE

Dates have been fixed for the hearing of the Diamond Hill Store armed robbery last month.

More than 10 persons are being charged in connection with the robbery, with taking part, wounding, and receiving stolen goods.

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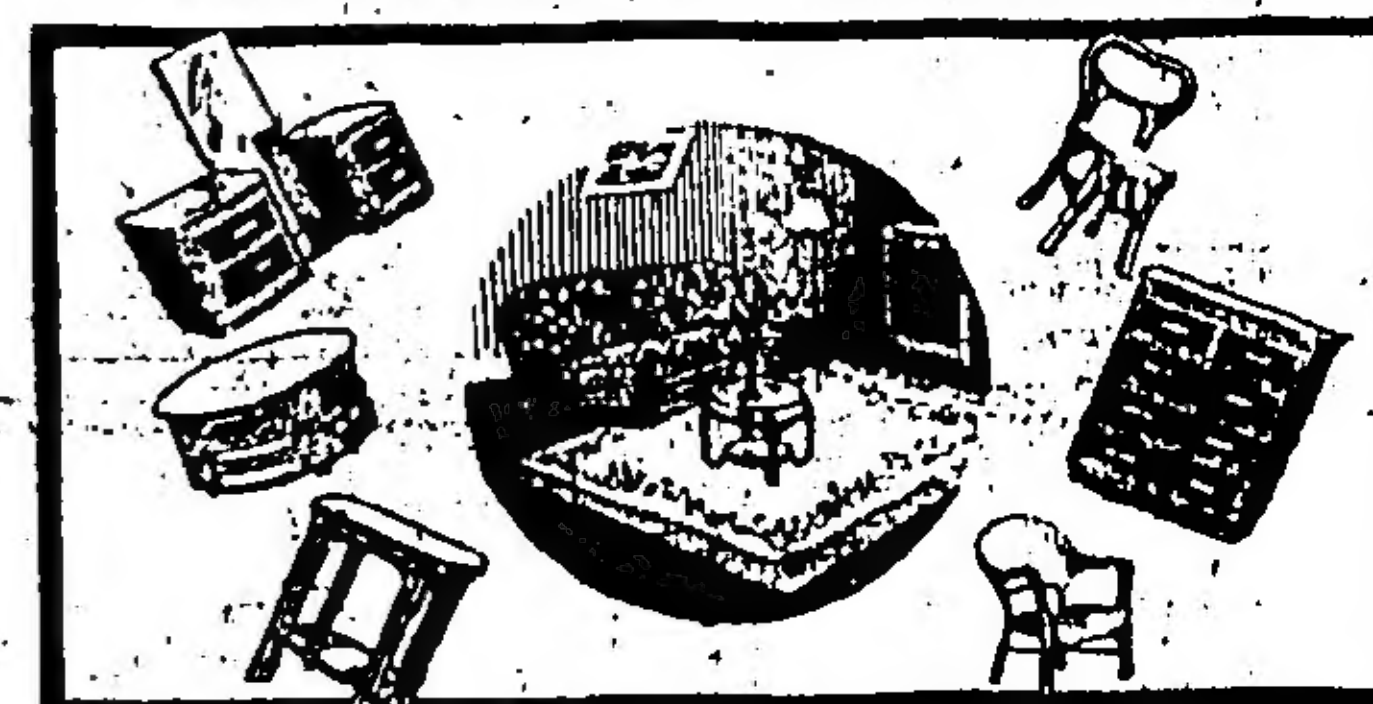
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although there has not been  
a revival of Hong Kong's  
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vices compare—at least in  
quality and cost—favourably  
with any other port in the  
world. This in spite of the  
greatly increased labour  
charges and the scarcity of  
material.

In Britain, overall costs are  
250 per cent higher than be-  
fore the war, but despite this  
fact the yards at Home are  
turning out considerably  
more vessels than the rest of  
the world put together.  
America, despite prices that  
would have seemed fantastic  
10 years ago, has ambitious  
plans, mostly on the line of  
luxury liners, although many  
of her tramp steamers are  
temporarily out of use.

It is now being suggested  
that Germany is hoping in  
the near future to see her  
yards in full operation again.  
Expectations are perhaps  
higher than at any time since  
the end of the war, when the  
occupying powers laid down  
that the defeated nation  
could build no ships more  
than 1,500 gross tons or with  
a greater speed than 12  
knots.

These restrictions were de-  
signed to prevent Germany  
from building a new navy,  
and to reduce her peacetime  
output of U boats and sur-  
face warships.

But now the Germans say  
they should build their own  
ocean-going vessels to carry  
food and raw materials, earn  
and save large sums of for-  
eign currency, and greatly  
reduce the present cost to  
the Allies. These arguments  
have a powerful appeal to  
the American government,  
whose taxpayers are provid-  
ing enormous sums to put  
Germany back on her feet;  
and in view of the powerful  
economic pressure the U.S.  
can bring, it may be that  
post-war restrictions will  
shortly be altered.

To Britain the argument  
understandably seems dan-  
gerous. British ships are  
valuable earners of foreign  
currency, and a revival of  
German shipping would hit  
Britain's recovery. The U.K.,  
too, has had to fight a des-  
perate ocean struggle for  
survival in two world wars,  
and is not anxious to open  
the way to the building of  
a third German navy, with  
even more dangerous U  
boats.

At the moment German  
shipbuilders are handicapped  
by outmoded equipment,  
bomb damage and the diffi-  
culty of raising loans. They  
have, however, kept as many  
as possible of their skilled  
workmen, to enable work to  
be resumed at top capacity  
as soon as restrictions are  
lifted. They work longer  
hours and their rate of day  
is only about half of the Bri-  
tish counterpart. In some  
cases firms in Hamburg, etc.  
will accept very small profits  
to maintain a flow of work.  
Recently a German firm  
offered to do repair work on  
some Indian ships in 10 days  
for £2,400. The best British  
tender was 23 days and  
£4,200.

There can, as we have said,  
be little doubt that Ameri-  
can pressure will be brought  
to remove gradually the bar-  
riers at present in force

Arms linked together, the cele-  
brants would head for the pre-  
sident's house, to stand swaying  
under his bedroom window, chant-  
ing in chorus, "Well rowed, the  
Prize."

Wholly aside from his literary  
interests, President Warne's cor-  
pulence would have removed him  
from any conceivable athletic con-  
nection; nevertheless, all through  
the night little bands of under-  
graduates would devote to pay the  
president this dubious compliment.  
As the following sample from my  
diary shows, Oxford swiftly  
opened up a new world:

"Dined at Leander at Henley,  
leaving at 10.15 again after a  
most cheery meal and got in at  
11.15. Some men, D— among  
them, ragged us in their car the  
whole way back, and A— dealt  
with them near Magdalen  
Bridge. Later he fought D—  
in college for being insulting. I  
knocked him out and it was  
the finest summary justice I've  
ever seen. Bed at 12.30."

It is a characteristic of college  
memories that the hell-raising  
side, in moments of reminiscence  
momentarily over-shadows the  
daily plodding drudgery which I  
always associated with study.  
Oxford is a serious place and  
the truth is that my Oxford days,  
by and large, were sober, tranquil,  
and studious. And my spare time  
was given to football, punting on  
the River Cherwell, and long bird  
walks.

### Two Trips

Best of all, I formed new friend-  
ships, which compensated in part  
for the uprooted attachments of  
Naval College.

And if I made no "firsts" I  
studied hard.  
My mother often came to see  
me at Oxford and loved to poke  
around the historic corners and  
attractive gardens of the ancient  
colleges, and in the course of many  
visits primed and fussed my  
rooms into a state of cosiness.

My Oxford routine was inter-  
rupted in 1913 by two trips to Ger-  
many, the first in the spring, the  
second in the summer.

As in France, I travelled with a  
party of three—Major Cadogan,  
my German tutor, the learned Dr.  
Flicker, and Finch.

The purpose of the trip was to  
improve my German and teach me  
something about those vigorous  
people whose blood flowed strongly  
in my own veins.

Though the first World War  
started barely a year later, I must  
confess that as a tourist I never  
sensed the approaching catas-  
trophe.

### William II.

The Germany of my student  
days echoed with work and song,  
and I judged it to be inhabited by  
the kindest people in all Europe.  
One reason why I felt that way,  
of course, was that the numerous  
smaller German courts were filled  
with uncles and cousins and aunts,  
all of whom welcomed me.

At Stuttgart I spent some weeks  
with the 91-year-old Grand  
Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz,  
my mother's aunt, who told me  
of being taken, when a young girl,  
to see George IV., who patted her  
head.

And in the Kingdom of Wurtem-  
berg, now vanished into the limbo  
of Graustark, I stayed in an  
opulent palace at Stuttgart as guest  
of King William and Queen  
Charlotte, whom I called "Onkel  
Willie" and "Tante Charlotte."

Quite apart from the family re-  
lationship, protocol required me  
as Prince of Wales to pay a  
courtesy call upon Emperor Wil-  
liam II.

But, with singular obtuseness,  
the Kaiser, in inviting me to visit  
him on August 31, added that he  
expected me to stay over for the  
annual parade celebrating the  
French surrender at Sedan in 1870.

Now the French joined with us  
in the Entente Cordiale, would  
certainly have taken a poor view  
of my presence at such an occa-  
sion, and a potentially awkward  
situation was averted only by the  
British Ambassador's diplomatic  
finesse, by means of which my call  
upon the emperor was rendered  
quite devoid of political implica-  
tions.

I knew him distantly, of course,  
from his spectacular descents upon  
our little island, but at the  
Königliches Schloss, on Unter den  
Eichen, in Berlin, I saw him for  
the first time in his own environ-  
ment.

Arriving in the late afternoon,  
I was taken at once to the em-  
peror's room.  
He was sitting in uniform be-  
hind an extraordinarily high desk,  
and in greeting me, rose in a most  
curious manner, as if dismount-  
ing from a horse.

Upon drawing closer I perceived  
to my astonishment that he had  
risen from a wooden block shaped  
like a horse's back; to this was  
girthed a military saddle, com-  
plete with stirrups.

against a German expansion.  
And as that happens, Britain  
can tighten her belt still fur-  
ther—if there are any  
notches left.

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### Visit To Germany

Nothing my startled expression,  
the emperor smiled, and explained  
undoubtedly that he was so  
accustomed to sitting on a horse  
he had found a saddle more con-  
ducive to clear, concise thinking  
than a conventional desk chair.

### To Aida

The Kaiser's saddle was only  
the first of a series of exciting  
events in store for me.  
I dined that night with him,  
the empress and several other  
members of the family.

The Kaiser in a different and  
more colourful uniform, led the  
conversation in German to test  
my fluency.

Satisfied that I had not been  
wasting my time, he relapsed into  
English which he spoke beauti-  
fully, and asked all kinds of  
questions about my parents and  
his English relatives.

touched the elegant figure which  
only seven months later would  
fall before the assassin's fateful  
bullets at Serajevo.

The thought of war was  
exclusively and persistently in the  
air, but exactly as in 1909, all  
the "best-informed people" were  
wisely assuring one another that  
there would be no war.

I find from my diary that as  
late as June 5, 1914, I was plan-  
ning, with my father's consent, to  
go channels shooting in the Tyrol  
in the autumn with my cousin  
Charles Coburg, the Duke of Saxe-  
Coburg and Gotha.

By then it was more or less  
understood that I had had enough  
of Oxford and Oxford enough of  
me.

My father was arranging for  
me to join the Grenadier Guards  
as he was all for balancing off my  
early association with the Navy

atmosphere in Great Britain was  
deceptively tranquil.

The Irish question was at its  
perennial crisis, and my father  
and mother were heckled by  
a public appearance.

So remote was the possibility  
of war from the public mind that  
they took a large party of guests  
to the Ascot races and threw  
themselves into the usual social  
activities.

To make sure that I was kept  
occupied my father had me at-  
tached to the 1st Life Guards,  
one of the Household Cavalry re-  
giments then stationed at Hyde-  
park Barracks.

But since the officers, along  
with the other "lads" around  
own, went to parties every night,  
I began to learn, as my diary  
attests, about other things, too.

June 25. "Life is very  
pleasant."

July 7. "...I stuck it out to  
the bitter end and got back to  
Buckingham Palace at 2... My  
first ball in London."

July 8. "...Duke of Port-  
land's house. My dancing is  
improving. I got in at 4 and in  
bed by 4.30. I was up again  
at 6 and walked to Barracks,  
punting with the composite  
Squad at 7.30."

July 23. "...with Ld. and  
Lady Farquhar. Pembroke,  
Desboroughs, Ly. Castlerough,  
Ld. A. Innes-Kerr... Balfour  
and his sister. We all had a  
bear fight. Nothing broken but  
clothes suffered! The ladies  
were the most hearty. Rela-  
tions between Austria and Ser-  
bia very strained. I don't like  
the look of things abroad."

July 24. "...Poor Papa is  
having an awful time with the  
Irish crisis... I saw a man  
from Dalmatia to get an idea of  
my new car which is going to  
be something special."  
The old riding master knew  
all about young subalterns who  
had been up dancing all night.

And with a sardonic expression  
he would order the horses unsad-  
dled and put us through the most  
bone-jarring baroque exercises  
that he could think up.

I was then 20 and this was my  
first glimpse of the kind of life  
which I had taken for granted.  
It was snatched away almost be-  
fore I savoured it.

July 24. "...I was reading  
newspapers all night and Papa  
received news of Belgium's  
mobilisation. All this is too  
ghastly and that we shall be in  
the brink of war is almost in-  
credible... I am v. depressed."

### A Dilemma

On August 3, 1914, the day be-  
fore the German Army struck into  
Belgium, I spent part of the after-  
noon alone on a squash court at  
the Bath Club in Dover-street, bat-  
tling a small rubber ball against  
a blank wall.

A week or so earlier, in a flash  
of happiness, I had exclaimed in  
my diary: "I don't know how I  
should live without the Bath  
Club!" But the sudden fact of  
war made it seem the least  
important place on earth.

That afternoon I was lonely  
and frustrated. The war that  
would occupy the spirit and  
energies of my generation for the  
next four years had already con-  
fronted me with a unique personal  
problem: was I to be a soldier  
in the field with the troops, or was  
I to be kept in Britain as the Heir  
Apparent, not to be risked in bat-  
tle?

Had I been any other British  
youth of 20 that question would  
never have arisen. In the normal  
course of events I would have  
enlisted and been sent to France  
and there, in all probability, I  
would have been killed or cer-  
tainly wounded within a year.

But as Prince of Wales and  
next in line of succession to the  
throne, I was to discover that my  
trophy value exceeded my military  
usefulness.

In any event, my father, the  
King, in the midst of the crisis,  
paused long enough to tell me  
that I must wait in London until  
"suitable employment" could be  
found for me.

What this decision, on the eve  
of war, meant to me can be  
judged from the entry I made in  
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ARMY LIFE began for me in the Officers' Training Corps  
when I was still an undergraduate. In the summer of 1914  
we were in camp for two weeks.



ON A TRIP to Norway  
I learned how to ski.

### War Thoughts

What with one thing or another,  
my second year at Oxford slipped  
by in a blur of deer-stalking at  
Balmoral, good fellowship shooting  
at Sandringham, beagling, Presi-  
dent Warren's dissertations on the  
English poets—not to mention  
occasional admonishing notes from  
my father about my taking life  
more seriously.

The "position" about which my  
father was continually reminding  
me now began to take form.

In November 1913 Archduke  
Franz Ferdinand, heir apparent  
to the Austro-Hungarian Empire,  
paid an official visit to England  
and was put up at Windsor.

Deciding that the time had  
come to induct me into court and  
diplomatic ways, my father had  
me come from Oxford to partici-  
pate in the sumptuous entertain-  
ments.

I wore the Windsor uniform—  
a blue tailcoat with red facings  
and gilt buttons; and under my  
father's appraising eye began my  
apprenticeship in the subtle busi-  
ness of always talking to the  
right people about the right things.

The archduke was a wonderful  
wing shot, and at Windsor, stand-  
ing beside my father, I watched  
him pull the pheasants down out  
of the sky.

No suggestion of tragedy then

### My Fault

As matters turned out, that  
episode ended my connection with  
Oxford.

It is a little disconcerting to  
realise how little I learned there.  
But the fault does not lie with  
Oxford. The heads of its learned  
donors were crammed with erudi-  
tion; what they did not know was  
stored on the shelves of the Bod-  
leian Library.

In retrospect, it seems a pity  
that I did not have the imagina-  
tion to realise that in those diffi-  
cult studies which I treated so  
casually were the keys to many  
of the problems which beset the  
present world.

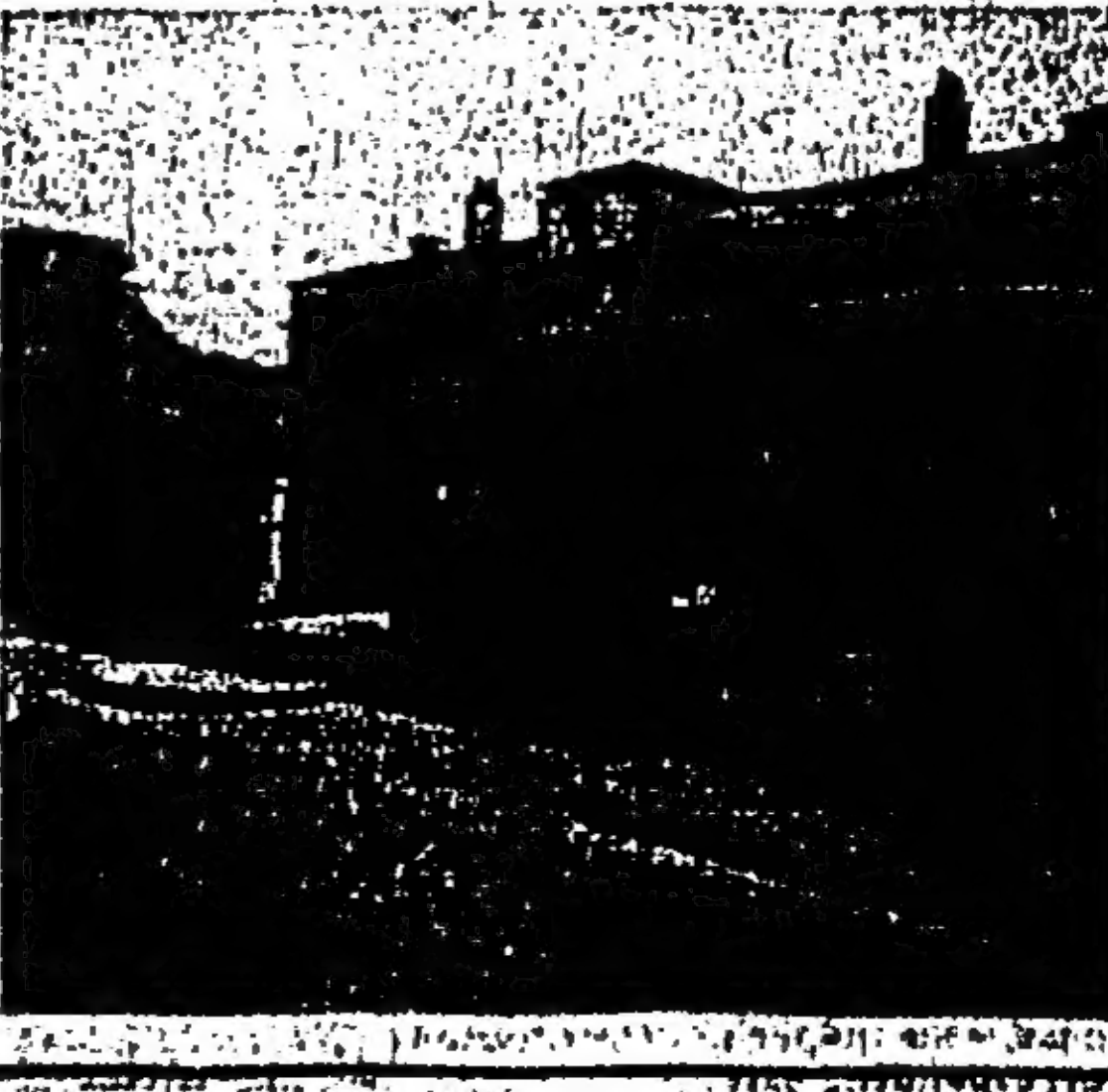
People and places—these I  
thought were more important  
in my kind of life than books.

Well, I was soon destined to  
see a lot of new people, a ghastly  
number of whom would die vio-  
lently, and a lot of new  
places, mostly two feet deep in  
mud.

Yet in June and July 1914 the

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YOUR  
HONG  
KONG?

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cognise where  
this picture was  
taken? The an-  
swer is in Page  
NINE.



"Jealous eyes and greedy hands  
would like to pluck this delectable  
fruit," says a visiting M.P. about  
Hong Kong.  
All they will get, however, will  
be raspberries from our stalwart  
75.

I see the North Pole, too, has  
had a flag day.

The Colorado beetle is prevalent  
in European potato crops. Because  
of its habit of boring from within,  
it is to be re-named the "Gromyko  
grub."

Sup-press-ed.  
In Malta when they don't like  
what you print, they tell you to  
put up or shut up.

I'll sing of strife in Araby  
And chaos in Kashmir.  
(But pretty soon we'll put it  
right.)  
With pact and truce and ple-  
biscite.

When challenged, our varied  
interests have learned to keep  
their own council.

It seems the Burmese bride was  
waiting at the church when that  
there Karen leader went and left  
her in the lurch.

Chiang Kai-shek is rumoured to  
be moving South. Even "Ningpo  
more far" is uncomfortably near  
these days.

A correspondent suggests that  
instead of boiling the KMT "war  
criminals" in oil, they should  
simply be smothered under a heap  
of useless gold yuan, with the  
400,000,000 "Lau pei hsing" put-  
ting on a few notes each at a time.

Hong Kong's elect have up to  
now mostly been self-elected.

"This crime was the work of  
a master criminal," said the pro-  
secutor, "and was carried out in  
a skilful, clever manner."  
"Flattery won't get you any-  
where," said the accused. "I  
ain't going to confess."

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an appraisal.

A man who fell down a man-  
hole in a London pavement woke  
up in hospital. He was somewhat  
surprised, as his last conscious  
thought had been that he was  
entering a night club.

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# STATUTE FOR WEST GERMANY

Joint Sovereignty Of Allied Powers

## END OF ALLIED WEAKNESS

Washington, April 10. The "Star" said today that the three power Foreign Ministers' agreement on unification of Western Germany appears to be a major step forward which brightens the entire international picture.

"It certainly promises to end what has been a dangerous weakness in Western solidarity against the mounting threat from Moscow," it added.

"It is significant that this meeting coincided with the signing of the Atlantic Pact because that momentous document changed the terms of reference against which the German problem could be re-evaluated. With the pact, the Democratic Atlantic world recognised that common defence against the threat of Soviet aggression is of paramount consideration.

"Accordingly, a favourable atmosphere was created in which previously incompatible viewpoints over Germany would be successfully harmonised."

The editorial expressed the hope that France would not use its veto rights in an obstructive manner.—United Press.

## Big Increase Granted In German Self-Government

Berlin, April 10.

The Occupation Statute agreed by the three Western Foreign Ministers in Washington establishes clearly the joint sovereignty of the three Allied Powers over Western Germany in international law for the first time.

### BEARDED HEADMASTER TO APPEAL

Ecclestone, Staffordshire, April 10.

Mr. Robert Copping, bearded headmaster of Horsley Hall, aged 29, and his partner, Mr. Edward Reynolds, aged 31, plan to appeal against the decision of the magistrate that they are unfit persons to have charge of a school and that they were keeping their 22 boy and girl pupils in a detrimental environment.

"Many of the parents have told us that they will start a fighting fund to keep the school going if they can," Mr. Copping said today. "They read of the case and have written to me to say that they are still behind us."—Reuter.

## Challenge To The Labour Movement

London, April 10.

Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, said today that the results of the County elections are a challenge to the entire Labour Movement.

"Few expected the losses [to be so severe]," he said.

"It is due in some measure to the redistribution of seats and to the exploitation by the Tory Party of the election as an artificial referendum. In this they were assisted by the lack of time to explain the significance of the Budget as a further step towards the achievement of Britain's economic independence."

Conservatives continued to pile up substantial leads over Labour Party candidates as returns came in slowly yesterday from the elections in England and Wales. Labour Party tabulations in 55 of the 65 counties indicate that the Labour Party has suffered a loss of 53 Councilmen, and Conservatives have taken over control of local administrations in such counties as Middlesex, Essex and Northumberland.

Almost everywhere, in a comparatively light vote, Labour's position weakened.

The Party retained control in Monmouth, Durham, Glamorgan, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Labour won Caermarthen.

In all rural elections, independent candidates played a more conspicuous role than in London county, where last Thursday Con-

servatives and Labourites ran a dead heat, each winning 64 places on the Council and a precarious one Liberal Party victor.

The Conservative Party central office said the Party has already gained 292 seats and has lost 14.—Reuter and Associated Press.

### BRITISH RED ATTACKS PACT

London, April 10.

Mr. R. Palme Dutt, Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party in Britain, said at a meeting here today that the Atlantic Pact is following in the path of the old anti-Comintern pact.

"The sponsors of that finished on the gallows in Nuremberg," he said, adding: "There is a warning there for our Churchills and Bevin's."

He further said: "We shall never bear arms against a Socialist Europe."

"We shall never forge the arms for a war against a Socialist Europe."

"You can either support the United Nations Charter or the Atlantic Pact."

"You cannot support both."—Reuter.

In speaking of "exercise of the supreme authority" which is retained by the Powers, the Statute draws the formal conclusion from the collapse of four-power sovereignty established by the Potsdam Agreement, inoperative since the dissolution of the Allied Control Council in Berlin a year ago.

The Allied High Commission established by the three-power agreement, becomes the body for execution of Western control.

The joint sovereignty is only limited under the Statute by the freedom granted to the German Federal Government, which is removable under clause three entitling the Allies to resume full control in an emergency.

One consequence of Allied sovereignty is that the Statute makes no provision for the long-debated judicial arbitration between the Allies and the Germans.

Instead, clause eight establishes a legal presumption that any Allied action is justified by the powers retained by the Allies if it can be shown to be based on an inter-Allied agreement.

The increase in the range of German self-government is nevertheless considerable.

Apart from constitutional changes, German legislation and even international agreements will no longer require individual Allied approval to become legally valid, but will be automatically effective unless vetoed within 21 days.

### Reserved Fields

The list of "reserved fields" in which the Allies retain a special interest and which may lead to intervention, no longer included democratisation, de-Nazification, because de-Nazification is regarded as concluded and the democratisation, after the approval of a democratic constitution, normally be left to the ordinary processes of German self-government.

The German Government is also given the right to ask for repeal of Allied laws no longer covered by the list of reserved fields.

The most serious limitation of German self-government for any purpose is contained in clause 2-H which reserves to the Allies control over internal action where necessary to ensure the best use of funds, food and other supplies to reduce to a minimum the need for external assistance to Germany.

Legally this clause is sufficiently elastic to allow the Allies to interfere with almost any act of economic legislation and administration—the very kind of intervention the Germans hoped to see reduced by the Occupation Statute.

However, it gives a general assurance that these powers will not be used to disapprove legislation unless it directly opposes Allied orders or constitutes a grave threat to the basic purposes of the occupation.

### German Reaction

In Hanover, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Chairman of the German Social Democratic Party, said in an interview tonight that the German Occupation Statute contains too many general clauses open to interpretations that might vary with changing relations between the Allies themselves.

Quoted by the German news agency D.P.D., Dr. Schumacher said that settlement of the German question is not dependent on the goodwill and efforts of the Germans or on the relations with the Allies, but, rather, on reciprocal relations among the Allies.

"At the same time," he said, "the Occupation Statute gives the Germans a chance to become active with the consent of the Allies. It is warmer and friendlier in its contents than many statements made hitherto."

He considered that this first step had been made with great care. In principle sovereignty would remain fully within the scope of the Allies with only fragments in German hands.

### France Accepts

France has accepted the fusion of the French Zone of occupied Germany with Anglo-American zones, the pro-Gaullist "Le Journal du Dimanche," said in Paris today.

She had accepted fusion even before the new German occupation statute came into force, the paper's Washington correspondent said.

## GOLD YUAN TAKES ANOTHER PLUNGE TO A RECORD LOW

Shanghai, April 11.

Reports of Communist attempts to cross the Yangtze sent Nationalist China's inflated currency into another steep dive last night. The Gold Yuan depreciated between 30 and 50 per cent in terms of commodities and foreign currencies.

The Chinese silver dollar spearheaded the new price spurt, being quoted higher than the United States dollar by some curb operators and at par by others.

The price of rice—the main staple of Shanghai's 4,000,000 people—sky-rocketed to a new dizzy height of GY\$400,000 per picul of 170 pounds, an increase of about 100 per cent. In 72 hours as supplies reaching the city continued to dwindle owing to the spread of hostilities along the Yangtze banks.

The United States dollar was quoted last night at GY\$2,000 for cash and GY\$70,000 for cheques, while gold bars were priced at GY\$3,400,000 per ounce.

Silver dollars, which are considered the most transactable currency in the event of a siege or Communist occupation, led sensational price rises during the past week—regarded by inflation-harassed housewives as one of the worst in the economic history of Shanghai.

### Hectic Battle

Silver coins rose from GY\$19,000 to GY\$2,000 per piece in the course of last week, representing

an increase of more than three times.

A city-wide survey of commodities revealed an average increase of around 300 per cent, which covers soap, matches, woollens, textiles, paper and other items.

The United States dollar rose during the same period from GY\$20,000 to GY\$2,000.

In Shanghai today Gold Yuan wage earners are engaged in a battle for survival which is far more hectic than anything hitherto experienced even in the Chinese National Currency days.—Reuter.

## SPYING CHARGES BY REDS

Berlin, April 10.

The Soviet-sponsored newspaper "Tagliche Rundschau" today accused the American and British Occupation Authorities of using members of the German Social Democrat Party as spies in the Russian zone.

The paper carried a full page letter which, it said, was written by Heinz Ruehne, a former official of the Social Democrat Party, charging that the spy ring is directed from headquarters in Berlin and Hanover.

The writer said that as a Party official he was sent to the Baltic coast to investigate the possible existence there of Russian warships and port defences.

American and British Intelligence officers were also extremely interested, he claimed, in Soviet troops near the zonal frontiers. He included in his letter the names of American and British officials whom, he claimed, were directing the organisation and supplying Social Democrat Party members with money, cigarettes, food and free passages on the Berlin airlift in return for information.

He was so disgusted with the behaviour of Party members that he could no longer reconcile it with his conscience to remain a member of the Party, he added.—Reuter.

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photo shows the entrance to Eu Garden, residential district, Argyle Street.

## TARIFF TALKS OPEN ON NEW AGREEMENT

Paris, April 10.

Ten Marshall Plan countries are likely to be among the 34 nations represented at the International Tariff Conference opening at Annecy, South Eastern France, today.

## TOURISTS FOR ERP NATIONS

Washington, April 11.

Countries participating in the European Recovery Programme expect 375,000 United States citizens to visit Europe this year, according to the Economic Co-operation Administration here.

About 10,000 students have indicated their wish to go to Europe this year, the majority to study in universities there.

It is estimated that 440,000 berths by sea and 140,000 by air will be available in each direction this year and 500,000 by sea and 150,000 by air line 1950.—Reuter.

## BURMA PREMIER VISITING INDIA

New Delhi, April 10.

Thakin Nu, Burmese Prime Minister, is coming to New Delhi in response to a long-standing invitation by the Prime Minister of India, the Government announced today.

The Burmese Premier is expected to arrive on Tuesday, the announcement added.—Reuter.

The Economic Co-operation Administration is sending two delegates.

Mr. George A. Blowers, Acting Director of the ECA Trade Payments Division in Paris, said: "The recovery of European economy and the correction of the present disequilibrium in European trade depends to a large extent on trade expansion and the removal of obstructions barring the free flow of goods."

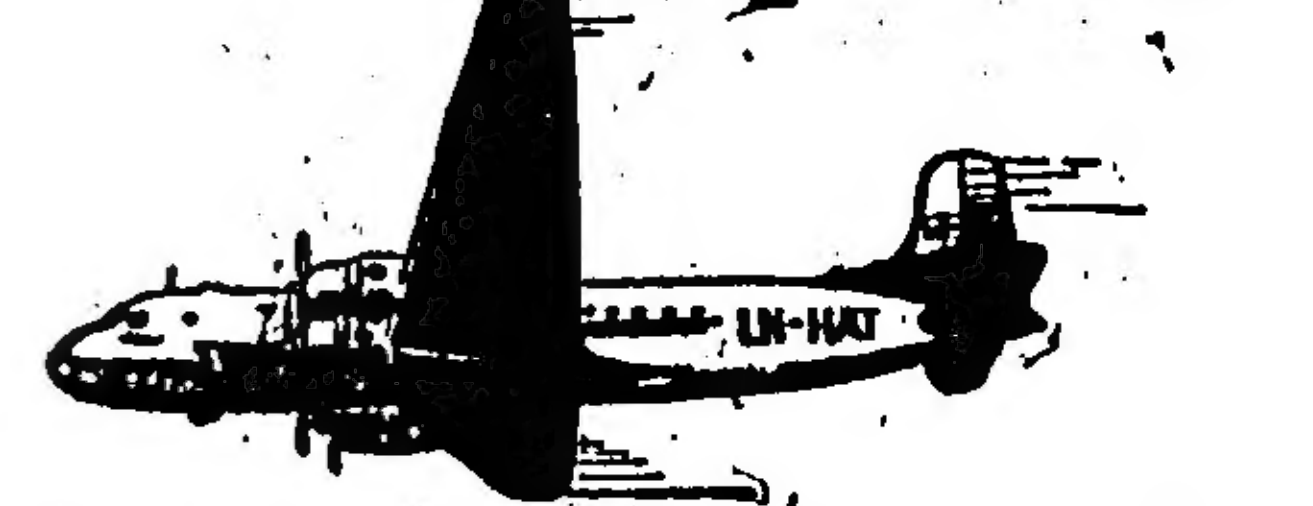
"The European Recovery Programme countries have already pledged themselves to the maximum practicable freedom in intra-European trade and have made much progress."

This is the third Conference held by the 23 countries which drafted a general agreement on tariffs and trade at Geneva in 1947.

Eleven other countries have indicated a desire to accede since the initial agreement was adopted. They will negotiate with the original contracting nations at Annecy.

Belgium, France, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway and Britain joined to draft the original general tariffs and trade agreement. Four other Marshall Plan countries—Denmark, Sweden, Italy and Greece—are considering proposals to participate in the trade agreements.—Reuter.

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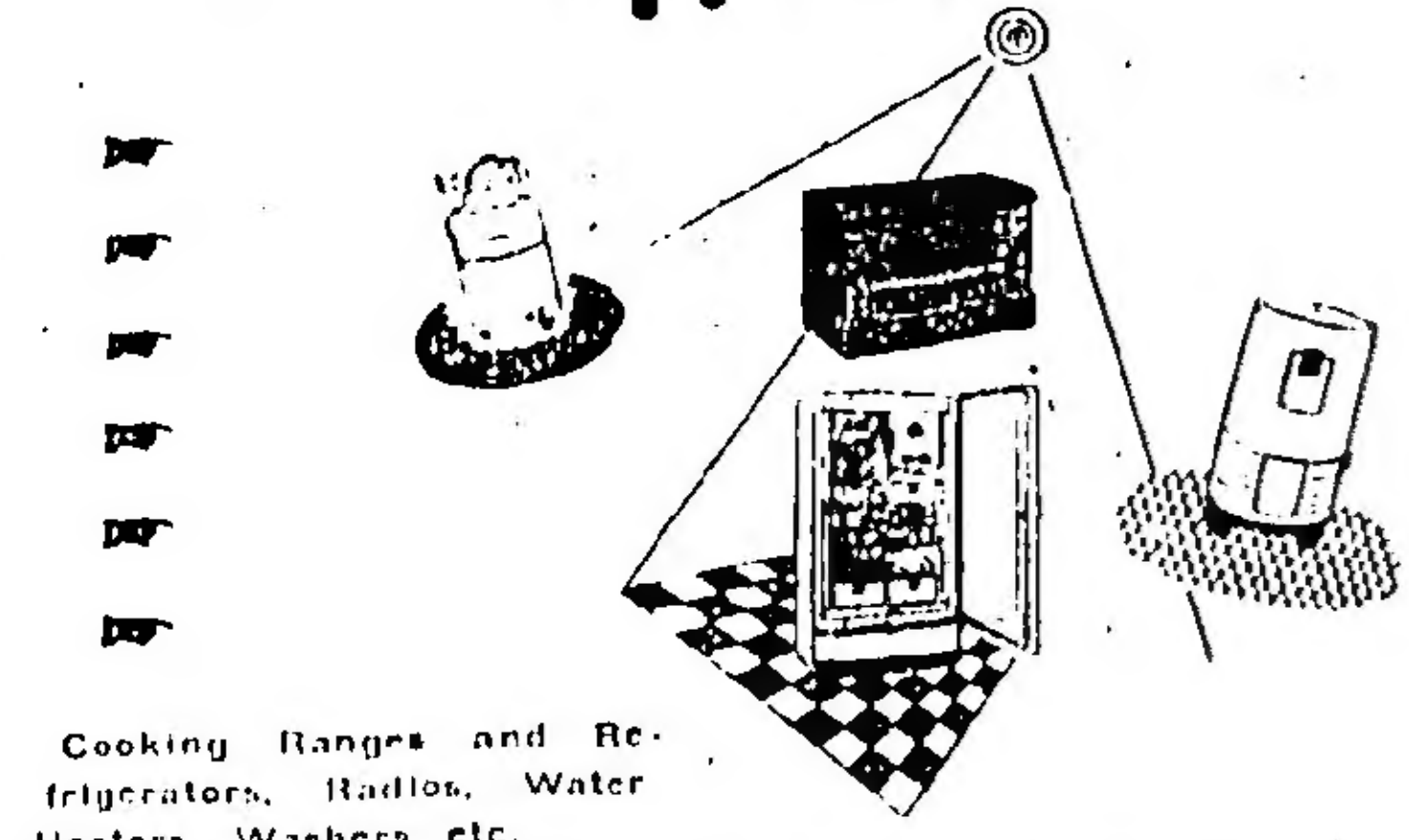
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## BRITON'S EXPULSION Bulgaria Rejects London's Protest

Sofia, April 10.

The Bulgarian Government today published the text of three notes bearing on the recent trial of 15 Protestant pastors in Bulgaria. One protested to the United Nations against the proposed United Nations discussion of the trial.

The other two were addressed to Britain. These rejected Britain's note of March 12 protesting that the trial infringed civil liberties, and replied to the British protest last month.

### Austrian Frontiers Inviolable

Vienna, April 10.

Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Chancellor, today told a People's Party meeting at Zwettel, Austria, that Austrians will never agree to a change in their frontiers.

"A country which, like Austria, has fought for freedom to the last minute and yielded only to brute force cannot give up parts of her nation lying on historical Austrian land," he said.

Austria made no claims on others, but asked the Great Powers to fulfill the pledges given to Austria in the Moscow Declaration of 1943, signed not only by Mr. Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt, but also Marshal Joseph Stalin, that Austria should be restored within her 1938 frontiers.

The Austrian Chancellor spoke of Austria's gratitude to the Western powers, whose renunciation of their claims to German assets in their Zones had removed some difficulties from the way of the conclusion of a treaty.

"It is now up to the other side to show their goodwill," Dr. Figl said.—Reuter.

### MAIL SERVICE TO HARBIN

Shanghai, April 11.

Mail services between Shanghai and Harbin, disrupted since 1946, has been re-established. A letter from a Catholic missionary in the Manchurian city was received in Shanghai by a French priest, the Catholic News Agency said. Other letters were received here from Changchun.

The letters were carried to Shanghai by faster vessels which have been plying between ports in North and South China. The letters do not shed much light on conditions in Manchuria, but indicated that food supplies are sufficient.—Associated Press.

### CANADIAN PREMIER ON RAIL TOUR

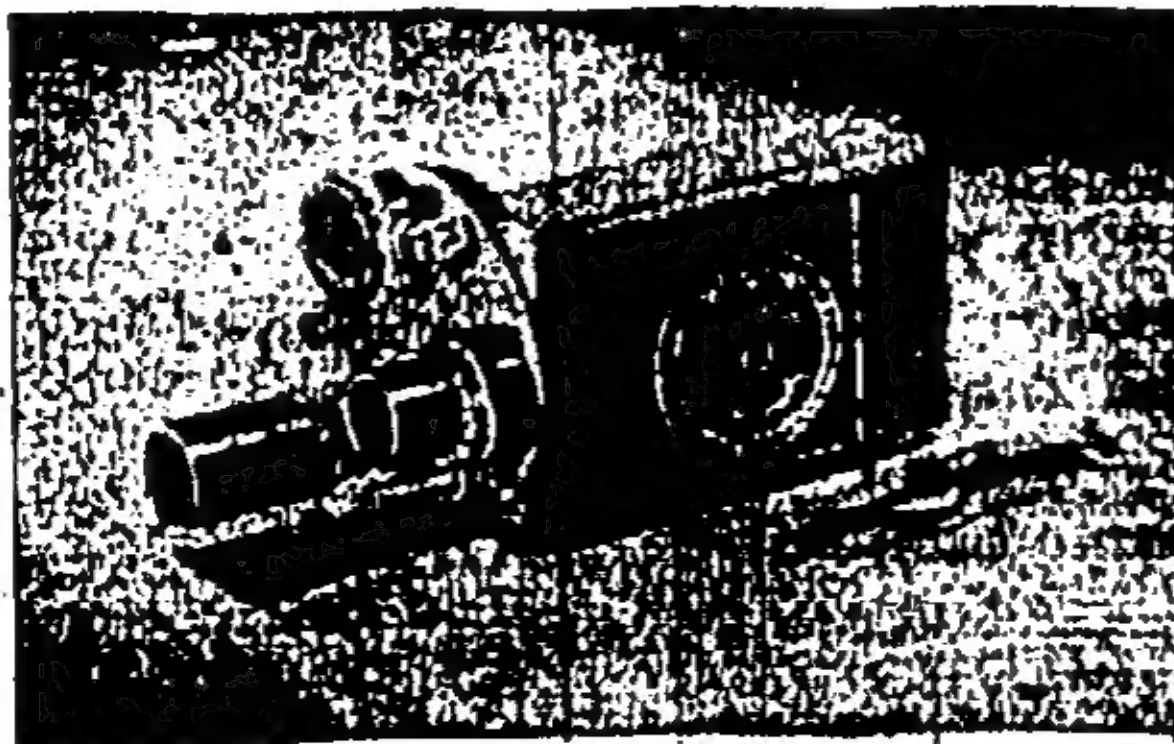
Ottawa, April 11.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, is making a 10-day rail tour of major Western Canadian cities which is regarded as an election campaign tour.

His place at the London Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference will be taken by Mr. Lester B. Pearson, the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs.—Reuter.

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### SABOTAGE IN PARCEL SHIP

Haifa, April 10.

The 5,000-ton Panamanian ship, *El Estero*, bringing off food parcels, machinery and cotton from the United States, arrived here with her holds on fire. Sabotage is suspected.

Chartered as the *El Estero*, the vessel (not "El Estero" in the original text) is carrying thousands of parcels from the American-Jewish fraternal organization of the same name.

The fire "broke out" near Gibraltar in cotton bales stored near about 50 American parcels. The fire was brought safely into Haifa and the machines and cotton were unloaded. An investigation is proceeding.—Reuter.

### Union Split Over Call For Strike

Melbourne, April 10.

A barrage of strike calls and "don't strike" appeals went out tonight to an estimated total of 100,000 workers in Australia's key industries.

The issue is whether or not there shall be a nation-wide series of "solidarity protests" this week at the sentence of one month's imprisonment for contempt of the Federal Arbitration Court which left-wing and Communist-dominated union executives. But the strike movement is being strongly opposed by moderate elements.

The latest strike order was to 25,000 miners throughout the country for a one-day stoppage. If the miners obey this will mean an estimated loss of 75,000 tons of coal.—Reuter.

## "Bamboo Curtain" Around Weather

Shanghai, April 11.

The "bamboo curtain" the Communists have lowered around North China reaches to the stratosphere.

It not only holds in all news reports, but weather reports as well.

Much of Asia's weather is nurtured in the high-pressure areas of Siberia. It often undergoes great change as it is being pushed across Red China into the low-pressure areas of the South.

For this reason the weatherman, if he is going to accurately forecast the weather in the Far East, must have regular reports from all areas.

But the Communists for the last few months have blocked out all weather reports from Manchuria and the remainder of North China under their control.

This black-out has caused a serious dislocation in the field of weather reporting in China.

The weatherman must base a part of his forecasts on experience. He can no longer de-

pend upon data which once came regularly from Mukden, Peking, Tientsin and other northern cities.

He picks up reports from Siberia—and from then on he's on his own for the most part. Occasionally there are reports from pilots flying over Red areas, but these are few and far between.

They don't permit the hurried weatherman to accurately make forecasts so important to the farmer, ship's master and the plane pilot.—Associated Press

### MR. MORRISON IN COLOGNE

Cologne, April 10.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister, arrived here this afternoon from Hanover.

After talks with the city authorities, Mr. Morrison, according to the German news agency, DFB, is going on to Castle Rottluffen, where he is to meet Dr. Karl Arnold, Premier of North Rhine-Westphalia.—Reuter.

### DR. WISE ILL

New York, April 10.

Dr. Stephen Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress, is recovering from an operation. It was announced by Lenox Hospital today. The condition of the Jewish leader, aged 75, is good. The hospital, which did not reveal the nature of his ailment, said Dr. Wise had been there several days.—Reuter.

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## AMERICA TO RETAIN TROOPS IN GERMANY

Washington, April 10.

A United States Army force of some 70,000 combat troops—about the present strength—will stay on the alert in Germany after the task of the occupation government is turned over to civilians, officials said today.

They made it plain that the size of the force will be governed by how Russia behaves, as well as by how the Germans behave under limited self-government.

Any decision to increase or decrease troops probably will be made here by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Council instead of by the Allied civilian High Commissioners who will replace the military occupation authorities. These statements confirm the remarks of the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, at a news conference on Friday, when he said the United States' troop strength in Germany will be determined by general military and security considerations. He added that he has no reason to know at present whether these forces should be either increased or diminished.

State Department spokesmen deny emphatically, meanwhile, that there is any inconsistency in turning Western Germany over to civilian control as the United States is proposing to help other Western European nations rebuild their armed strength.

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## KAREN REBELS REPULSED

Rangoon, April 10.

Burmese Government troops today repulsed Karen insurgents both at Insein, North of Rangoon, and in the Thazi sector near Mandalay, tonight's Government communique stated.

But insurgents who occupied Padan and Tharawaddy, about 80 miles North of Rangoon, on Thursday, are advancing Northward along the main railway line.

They apparently plan to link up with other forces at Prome, 160 miles North of the capital, where a new rebel administration, the "United People's Front," has been set up.

In fierce fighting at Insein, which followed the breakdown of peace negotiations, Karen tribesmen made several attempts to break through the Government lines but were driven back with heavy casualties.

Burmese Air Force planes scored several direct hits on enemy concentrations in this area, the communique added.

The Karens are reported to have burned large stocks of ammunition in the Thazi sector before retreating to the South towards Taungtha, their stronghold in Central Burma, with Government troops in pursuit.—Reuter.

## World's Largest Aircraft Carrier

Washington, April 10.

The construction of the Navy's controversial 65,000-ton super-aircraft carrier, USS *United States*, will begin next week, high Navy authorities asserted today.

Contrary to published speculation, they do not expect the current military discussions at Key West, Florida, to affect plans for the vessel. Its keel is to be laid on April 18 by the Newport News, Virginia, Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Vice-Admiral Arthur Burdett, chief of Naval Operations, answered the speculation about delays or cancellation of the project with a flat statement: "I am certain it will be built." He knows of no doubt on that point. Apprehension about the future of the carrier spread through some echelons of the Navy when the new Defence Secretary, Louis Johnson, said at this first press conference that he had a pretty good idea as to what the respective roles of the Air Force and Navy aviation should be.

There was apparently concern in some Navy quarters that Mr. Johnson might favour increasing the Air Force's mission and reducing the role of Naval aviation.

Some sources said that the keel-laying ceremonies for the carrier, which will be the world's largest warship if completed, have been postponed pending an expression of view from Mr. Johnson.—United Press.

### TO RECOGNISE SYRIAN GOVT

Cairo, April 11.

Leading Egyptian Arabic newspapers today said Egypt intended to recognise the Government set up in Syria by Colonel Husni El Zaim, the Syrian Army leader.

The newspaper *Akhbar El Yom* said Colonel Zaim's representatives had assured Egypt that the coup was an internal affair and that it was not a step towards the realisation of "The Greater Syria Plan."

They also had assured the safety of the former Syrian President, Shukri El Khatib.—Reuter.

### SWISS BAN ON FRENCHMEN

Geneva, April 11.

The Swiss Federal Council has forbidden Professor Marcel Prenant, member of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party, and Pierre Col, former French Air Minister, to speak in Geneva as planned on April 14.

The two Frenchmen were due to address a Swiss Committee on preparation for the World Peace Congress in Paris. The ban was based on a year-old Swiss law permitting the Council to forbid political speeches by foreigners. The Committee, which sponsored the addresses, issued a statement expressing the "surprise (and regret over this measure, which hardly represents the Democratic traditions and desire for peace of the Swiss people)." —Associated Press.

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## THERE MAY BE OTHER EARTHS

Mount Palomar, California, April 10.

Dr. Edwin P. Hubble, famous astronomer of the California Institute of Technology, says that there may be other planets, such as the Earth, where life may exist but that science may never be able to observe them. Dr. Hubble says that the 200-inch mirror telescope on top of this mountain, the world's most powerful telescope may have detected these other planetary systems.

Such planetary systems must be in the universe, but because of the number of solar systems known to exist, the number of planetary systems must be considerable.

There is no proof, he said, that the earth is the only planet in the universe where life exists, and also there is no proof that other such planets are in the universe.

The big mirror, he said, might discover new facts about solar systems, but he doubted that it will pick up planets in far off solar systems. He pointed to work already being done that indicates that some stars in far off space have "companion" bodies, which might be planets.

But the technique of picking up planets such as the size of the earth—which is a bit of cosmic dust compared to other heavenly bodies—will be, and is, a difficult job.

Observation of far off solar systems—that is, some which have no connection with our solar system—can be made. So far, he said, the "big eye" here has not been turned on the planets in our solar system. Its duty is to probe far into the depths of space, and to determine whether space goes on forever, or whether there is an ending. United Press.

Washington, April 10. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, faces a rocky road in convincing Congress of the need for the arms for Europe programme, which has already threatened to be an obstacle in the way of Senate ratification of the North Atlantic security pact.

Present plans call for the United States to supply tanks, anti-tank guns, artillery, armoured vehicles and other heavy equipment for ground troops as the bulk of its military aid to other pact countries.

In addition, the Air Force may turn over some of its World War II planes now in "mothballs," including 200 B-29 Superfortress bombers.

Military sources said the Western European countries want to make their ground forces strong enough to stand a chance of holding off a possible land attack. President Truman is expected to send the 12-nation Atlantic Pact, aimed at protecting Western Europe and North America against future aggression, to the Senate tomorrow. However, a growing chorus of Senators wants to know administration plans for arms aid before considering the treaty.

Senators also want to know whether the aid will be still completely in the dark on the arms programme. Estimates of Western Europe's military needs were received here months ago and at least six versions of arms legislation have been discussed within the administration. However, there have been no consultations to date with the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Senator Tom Connally), the Senate Republican leader (Senator Arthur Vandenberg) or the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee (Senator Millard Tydings). Senator Vandenberg today flatly refused to discuss the arms issue.

### The Cost

"I decline to discuss subjects on which I have absolutely no information," he said. Senator Connally, who expects to reach past hearings one week from tomorrow, said that among the first questions asked will be those about the cost of arms. He and Senator Vandenberg are reported to be unhappy over the State Department's failure until the last minute to invite the full Senate to the security pact signing ceremony. In addition, Senator Connally is said to be still resentful of the fact that the State Department is urging "undue" speed on ratification of the treaty.

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Mr. Acheson said last week that he could not give Congress even an "informed guess" on the cost and that the matter is still under review. Senator McNary foresees a programme which will place major emphasis on supplying Europe with ground armaments, leaving the major responsibility for long-range strategic bombing to the United States.

Military sources say that heavy ground equipment is the major European need. The Atlantic Pact countries already are self-sufficient in small arms. The major air power need of Western Europe is fighter and attack planes to support the ground troops. Britain and France are reported to be in a position to turn out jet engines for such planes.

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## Europe Wants U.S. Troops

Washington, April 11.

Leaders abroad have urged that more U.S. troops be sent to Europe, if possible. This was disclosed yesterday in connection with planned military rebuilding of Western European nations. The requests were made to the Secretary of the Army, Kenneth C. Royall.

Mr. Royall noted that Western European nations are stressing the importance of ground forces in defence planning. Associated Press.

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For three days, new students at Home University rode the way they ever went to school. During that period, they, like freshmen the world over, underwent all the indignities of initiation into the University. According to tradition, the newly freshmen had to obey all orders given by their seniors; orders which went from jumping into fountains to buying drinks. The biggest ceremony was on the last day when the students elected their "Pontiff," chosen from final year students, and paraded with him round the town. This group of students paraded in costumes of ancient Roman soldiers. The Coliseum makes an appropriate background. (Associated Press Photo).

## STRIKES SPREADING THROUGHOUT GREECE

Athens, April 10.

Greek Government Ministers were today empowered to mobilise all civil servants who have been on strike for four days and who fail to report for duty tomorrow.

The Greek Inner Cabinet gave the Ministers these powers after the strikers, who are claiming large salary increases, had rejected a Government offer of free food supplies, worth £3 monthly, for the next three months.

The Athens news agency tonight broadcast a statement by striking civil servants replying to allegations in guerrilla broadsheets tending to exploit the stoppage and declaring opposition to Communism.

This said: "Under the free democratic regime of Greece, civil servants can freely demand their rights. Whereas the Communist bandits, in slavery under the yoke of the Red tyrant, have been transformed into individuals without a soul and without a will."

Civil servants in Northern Greece have announced that they will strike tomorrow in sympathy with their colleagues in the rest of the country who stopped work on April 6.

Railwaymen in Northern Greece are expected to come out on Wednesday, making a general railway stoppage throughout the country.

Tonight's Greek General Staff communiqué reported guerrilla attacks in Epirus against the Prophet Elias Height in the Grammos range, where the guerrillas announced an offensive two days ago.

"X" Leader Arrested

M. Evangelos Mangas, former leader of the right-wing "X" organisation, is once again under arrest, according to a Ministry of Public Order announcement.

## NEW METHODS FOR AUSTRALIA

Canberra, April 11.

British and American companies have introduced up to date methods and technical knowledge into Australia since the end of the war, the Prime Minister, J. B. Chifley, said in a broadcast here.

Overseas interests have participated in 228 of 2404 new manufacturing projects announced in Australia in the three post-war years, he said. Of 1,972 entirely new businesses, British interests participated in 59, United States interests in 42, and other countries in six.

Of 732 existing businesses which extended operations in the same period, 70 were British, 45 American and four from other countries, Mr. Chifley said. Associated Press.

The next month he was sentenced to death by a court martial in his absence, and in May, 1946, he was arrested. When he was brought to trial on a charge of having been responsible for the Kalamata rising, he was acquitted after defence counsel had pleaded he had acted as "a hero in the national fight against Communism."

Mangas was arrested again last autumn for having disbanded an Army detachment. —Reuter.

## FOREST FIRE

Paris, April 10.

Seventy acres of timber and brushwood were destroyed today by fire in the Forest of S-nart about 30 miles South East of Paris.

About 250 acres in the same forest were ravaged by fire last month. —Reuter.

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## Ex-Policemen In Sit-Down Protest

Tel Aviv, April 10.

Israeli military police, wearing gas masks, today threw tear gas bombs to drive out more than 100 striking ex-policemen from Tel-Aviv's Criminal Investigation Department headquarters.

The former policemen, dismissed in a recent "purification" of Israeli Government officials who served under the British Mandate, were starting a sit-down strike in the police building.

The Government warned them to get out. The strikers ignored that warning. Two and a half hours later military police stormed into the building. The warning to evacuate was again repeated. It was again ignored. The police then hurled gas bombs and the strikers a few minutes later came streaming out of the building, coughing and choking amid the cloud of acrid fumes.

The strikers reformed and marched off to demonstrate outside the house of the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion. The police, in the meantime, suspected that they were going to demonstrate at the Knesset (Parliament) building, and rushed off to protect it.

The Criminal Investigation Department building was cordoned off during the operation. The demonstrators claimed they had

been unjustly dismissed. They demanded a reconsideration of their cases by a Government Commission and temporary Government employment pending the Commission's decision.

On reaching Mr. Ben Gurion's house, the demonstrators sat under the shady trees outside, on the residential Boulevard Central. They were dressed in civilian clothes or wore battle-dress over their uniforms. The Prime Minister was not at home.

A spokesman for the group many of whom claim from 10 to 25 years' service, told reporters that they are going to picket the Premier's house and the Parliament buildings until their demands are met. "Our demands are simple," the spokesman added. "We ask only for justice." The demonstrators submitted a petition for a reconsideration of their cases to Parliament, which is due to meet tomorrow. They also sent a petition to the Premier. "If these steps are not enough, we will consider a hunger strike," the spokesman said. —Reuter.



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# JAPAN STUDIES SOUTH AMERICAN PROSPECTS

Mexico City, April 10.

Japan, anxious to expand her foreign trade, is investigating the possibility of regaining some of her pre-war markets in Latin America.

At the same time, the Allied authorities in Tokyo are studying what products Latin America can offer to help Japanese industry and replenish the Japanese bread basket.

For these purposes, a special mission of the Supreme Command of the Allied Powers (SCAP), in Japan, headed by Mr. Frank Eickell, chief of the Foreign Commerce and Trade Division of SCAP, is to make a survey of the possibilities of trade between Latin America and Japan.

## Syrian Unity A Necessity

Amman, April 10.

King Abdullah of Transjordan, father of the Greater Syria Plan, still considers Syrian unity a national necessity but believes that the Palestine problem should be settled first.

(The Greater Syria Plan for the federation of Transjordan, Iraq, Syria and part of Palestine was proposed by King Abdullah two years ago).

In a Palace statement issued here today, King Abdullah said: "Co-operation with the present Syria is the only step contemplated until the Arabs generally express their verdict."

The King considers that last month's Syrian coup d'état indicates the desire of the Syrians to build their estate on a solid foundation.

King Abdullah had proposed to Shukri Kourdi the execution of the Greater Syria Plan just now when they had both agreed to postpone further talks until the Palestine problem was solved.

The statement said: "Since the problem has not been solved yet there is no need to disturb people's minds."

The Palace spokesman who summoned reporters to hear the statement said that the envoys whom King Abdullah sent to the Syrian capital after the coup carried his congratulations and assurances of this desire for co-operation with the new regime.—Reuter.

## ARMISTICE TALKS IN THE BALANCE

## Smallpox Deaths Among Passengers

London, April 11.  
A fourth smallpox death among passengers who reach Britain from Australia on board the liner Moolten eight days ago, was reported tonight.

The victim is a middle-aged woman whose name has not been disclosed.  
Mr. R. Allen, aged 69, was the first passenger to contract the disease. He died at sea. Since the liner docked, his wife and a girl on a visit to relatives, Miss Elma Wall, aged 24, have died in Britain. Three other passengers are under observation.—Reuter.

## ARABS PROTEST UN DECISION

Tripoli, April 11.  
Tripoli police were called out today when Arabs tried to hold a protest demonstration against the United Nations Political Committee decision to hear Italy's views on the disposal of her former colonies.

Arab shops were closed and notes were sent to foreign consulates stressing Arab claims for the territorial unity and independence of Libya.—Reuter.

## ARMISTICE TALKS IN THE BALANCE

Tel Aviv, April 10.

The resumption of the Israeli-Syrian armistice talks appeared still undecided after a two-hour meeting here today.

At the meeting were two of the Acting Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche's, representatives and Dr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Office.

Israel has expressed her readiness to resume the talks next Tuesday provided the Syrians withdraw first from a height known as Hill 223, which the Israelis assert the Syrians occupied after the truce.

After today's conference here, informed sources said the Israelis are still adamant on this. Dr. Bunche's representatives—M. Henri Vigier and General William Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine—turn asked the Israelis to refrain from further military movements in the area.

Dr. Bunche is leaving Geneva by special train tomorrow for Stockholm "to pay my last respects to Count Folke Bernadotte." He told reporters: "Now that the fighting is over in Palestine, I consider my mission at an end. To continue would infringe on the work of the United Nations Conciliation Commission."

Asked about his plans for the future, Dr. Bunche smiled and said: "A very long peace. I just want to rest."

Dr. Bunche said he would stay on Monday night at Countess Bernadotte's home before leaving for Paris on Tuesday morning. From Paris he will probably travel by sea to the United States, preparing a report for the Security Council on the way.

"It is purely a voluntary report for their information on the close supervision and the armistice negotiations."—Reuter.

# CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

## Lesson 31 (H)

### Vocabulary:

183. (k'au) 'kau

To implore. To plead. To pray. To beg.

### Combinations:

20. Kuet' yee'

To decide. To determine.

### A Story: (Continued)

58. 'Kui, 'dzee-gay' seung'.

He thought to himself and said:

'hah, 'wah:

"My papa has so much money,

'Ngaw 'bah-bah' 'yau

so many houses, so many

gom' daw' tseu'

cattle and also so many

yau gom' daw' ook'

workmen."

yau gom' daw' 'ngau

"All his workmen are eating

yau 'yau gom' daw' 'gung'.

good food, living in big

'haam-'baang-'laang doh'

houses and wearing fine

'shik hoh' 'yeh,

clothes.

'jue 'daaye ook'

"I am his son."

'jeuk' leng' shaam'.

"Why should I be here begging

for money?"

"I ought to go back immediately

and implore him to allow

me to be at his place as a

labourer."

"Deem-'gaaye' 'ngaw

yeecoo'

hai' nee-'shue' hut'-'tseu'

neh'?"

'kui 'yau gom' daw' 'gung'.

He decided to return home.

'gaw' 'gung' 'yau'.

(To be continued)

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TO TAKE US INTO THE JUNGLE.  
WE'LL SWITCH TO HORSES IN  
THE INTERIOR.

WASN'T IT ODD—HOW EVERY-  
ONE RAN WHEN YOU EVEN  
MENTIONED QUEEN EB—

DON'T SAY IT!  
LOOK OUT! WATCH  
WHERE DRIVE!

WHAT IS  
THIS?

**RIP KIRBY**

By ALEX RAYMOND

I NEVER  
HEARD OF  
DUTCH WILLY OR ANY  
SUCKLING KING!  
IS THAT CLEAR?

PERFECTLY! AND I  
NEVER HEARD OF THE  
BANDAR RUBIES! I'M  
SURE WE UNDERSTAND  
EACH OTHER!

ABOVE DECKS!  
ISN'T THAT CUTIE  
MAJOR ADORING YOU?  
OH, MR.  
DEMOND!  
YOU'VE  
MADE  
CONQUEST!

YOU TAKE HIM FOR HIS WALK?  
I'LL FIND MR. KIRBY AND TELL  
HIM HOW HELPFUL  
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AUSN'T DO  
THAT? YOU  
REALLY  
AUSN'T?

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ORDERED, SIR—BUT  
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HAPPENED...

I SEE YOU  
GOT FORELOCK  
TOO—

ALIAS BLOODS!  
ALIAS MANDRA!  
GORA! ALIAS  
MANDRAKE!

YES, HE WAS ONE  
OF TWO THINGS WHO  
ATTACKED THE DRIVERS  
OF THE LORRIES JUST  
BEFORE WE OVERTOOK  
EM—BUT THE OTHER  
FELLOW GOT AWAY IN  
THEIR CAR—AND THAT  
WAS NO OLD GEEZER  
BELIEVE ME!

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HE'S INNOCENT!





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# AMERICAN RESEARCH INTO GERM WARFARE

## DISPUTE OVER WAVE LENGTHS

Mexico City, April 11.  
The Soviet Union joined the United States yesterday in refusing to sign a proposed 85-nation agreement dividing radio short wave frequencies.  
The Russian announcement came at the close of the International Radio Conference. The Conference was called to divide eight short wave broadcast bands between six and 26 megacycles in such a way as to end present interference.  
The U.S. said three days ago that it would not sign the proposed plan and was joined on Saturday by several Russian satellite countries, Liberia and Chile.  
Britain said on Saturday that she will sign the plan and thus became the first major power to take that position. She was followed by the British and French colonies, Italy, Austria, Ceylon, China, Canada, Egypt, Uruguay and Bolivia.  
Some delegates expressed surprise that Russia did not come out eventually for the plan, since the USSR would have received more frequency under it than any other country. The U.S. would have been in ninth place.—Associated Press.

## Big Awards For Russian Culture

Moscow, April 10.  
Stalin prize awards totalling 6,475,000 roubles were announced today for achievements in films, literature, music and the arts.

## Reduced Prices For Cars

Detroit, April 11.  
The motor-car industry's wave of price reductions will probably have embraced every American car maker within the next few weeks.  
Just as some companies increased prices two and three times last year, some may come through with a second cut this year.  
The price reduction are intended to stimulate sagging sales. If they fail to do so, more price cuts are certain.

Reductions in lower priced models have been relatively small. This group accounts for more than half of the sales. It is the response in the group that is being most closely watched.  
Trade observers say price cuts in this field have not been large enough to greatly stimulate buyer interest. They point out that post-war increases have nearly doubled the price of many models.  
They note, as typical, that Chevrolet recently reduced prices US\$10; but a year ago raised prices for the same models US\$80 to US\$115.—Associated Press.

**SHOE BUSINESS**  
New York, April 11.  
Shoe retailers in key cities throughout the U.S. are moderately optimistic on business prospects for the first six months of this year, according to a survey made by the New York Herald-Tribune.  
Generally, the opinion is that the best sales increases will be made in children's shoes.—Associated Press.

The young Armenian composer, Alexander Arutyunyan, received a first class prize for his "Fatherland Cantata." Among prize-winning artists were three who painted portraits of Generalissimo Stalin.  
Fifteen architects who designed skyscrapers for Moscow, including a new 28-story university building, figured in the awards list.—Router.

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Washington, April 10.  
This country leads the world in germ warfare research, according to the Armed Forces.

They say that their work with disease germs and their poisons is aimed primarily at defence. But they make it plain that the United States intends to be prepared to strike back with biological weapons if any other nation should attack with them.

And though germ weapons definitely are not the fantastic killers they have been labelled, research proves they could be a cheap and most important means of warfare.

The former Defence Secretary, James Forrestal, said in a statement that although large-scale biological warfare has never been used by any nation, U.S. research shows that germs or their poisonous products could be used effectively as weapons of war.

But, he said, some claims as to the death-dealing powers of such weapons have been fantastic and extravagant and without any basis in fact.

Major-General Alden H. Walt, head of the Army Chemical Corps, told reporters that potentially the spreading of disease germs is a most important means of warfare. He added that he has no doubt about its practicability.

Biological warfare is the use of germs or their poisonous products to produce disease or death in humans, animals or plants. How to distribute them

effectively has been one of the major obstacles to the use of these agents.

### Primary Purpose

Neither Mr. Forrestal nor General Walt touched on that aspect. Both emphasized that the primary purpose of American germ research is to insure the nation's protection against biological attack in event of war and against biological sabotage even before a declaration of war.

Mr. Forrestal said: "Appropriate steps are being taken to insure the co-ordination of the activities of our protective agencies against possible biological attack." In addition to the Armed Forces, the Public Health Service and the Agricultural Department have major roles.

These and other Federal agencies and many state and municipal agencies are always on the alert, Mr. Forrestal said.

"The nation's first line of defence against biological warfare," he said, is "maintenance of our high standards of public health and sanitation and our protective measures for animals and crops."

As one Government source expressed it—other things being equal, the country with the best plumbing would come out on top in a biological war.

General Walt expressed confidence that the U.S. is ahead of anybody in the world in biological warfare research.

"We have the best scientists in the world on this problem," he said.

He also expressed the Chemical Corps' determination to be prepared to cope with biological warfare if this nation should be subjected to such attacks.  
To cope with biological attack, the nation would have to be prepared to retaliate in kind.

General Walt said biological warfare could be waged with less expense and less industrial capacity than orthodox methods of warfare.—United Press.

## Steel Sets Pace For Recovery

Washington, April 10.  
The Economic Co-operation Administration said the steel industry is setting the pace for industrial recovery of the Marshall Plan nations.

Reviewing Europe's steel production record after one year of United States assistance, the ECA said the European output for the calendar year 1948 was approximately 40,000,000 metric tons, which was 30 per cent more than 1947. The last quarter of 1948 had an output which was only six per cent below the 1935-38 average of the participating countries.

ECA estimates that the combined programme for all countries will provide finished steel production of about 44,300,000 tons within participating countries in 1952-53, as compared with the 1935-38 average of 31,500,000 tons.—United Press.

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## Selling The American Way

Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 10.  
One hundred and nineteen young American business and professional men are to fly to Europe this week to sell "the American way of life" abroad. They will attend the Junior Chamber of Commerce International Convention in Brussels from April 21 to 28.

The young business men are representatives of Junior Chambers of Commerce in 29 States and Alaska. They will take with them exhibits, including a model city, to demonstrate American techniques.

In their way to Brussels, they will spend three days in Paris.—Router.

## POST OFFICE

### MAIL NOTICE

#### Outward Mails

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There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes during the holidays (except Sunday).

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An outward surface mail to United Kingdom via Forta per R.M.S. "Canton" will be closed on Friday, April 15, 1949.

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(Ordinary) 9 a.m. April 15.  
This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about May 16, 1949.

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## HKFA Committee's Views On Referees

A Committee has recently been appointed by the Hong Kong Football Association to arrange for the examination of referees, recommending promotion, reporting the efficiency or otherwise of practising referees and the running of referees' courses.

At a recent meeting of the Committee it was agreed that it should be recommended to the Council of the HKFA that a representative of the Referees Association be allowed to sit on the Referees Sub-Committee as a non-voting member.

The following is a text of a circular issued by the Hong Kong Football Association on the subject:—

"1. There has been some discussion in the Press and the Hong Kong Football Association have themselves been worried concerning the football referees position in Hong Kong.

"2. There is no doubt that the future of Hong Kong football lies largely in the provision of good referees and the continual flow of younger men to take over from the older referees.

"3. Recently a Committee was appointed by the Hong Kong Football Association consisting of the following:—

Chairman: Lt. Col. 'T. T. Alexander, OBE, Captain H. J. Chinnell and Messrs. H. J. Clarke, K. K. Lee, A. McInnes, R. M. Omar and the Hon. Secretary.

## Local Soccer Fixtures

The South China "A" versus Kowloon Motor Bus clash in the First Division of the local soccer league, which will be played at Boundary Street tomorrow, is the only attractive game on this week's programme.

Apart from the League games, however, there will be the games against the Army Singapore XI.

The following is a list of the League games down for decision this week:

**TODAY**

**SECOND DIVISION**

KMB v Navy (PP from 2.30 p.m.) postponed.

Army-KI v Army-HK (PP from 2.30 p.m.)

Chatham Road, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Davy.

**TRAMWAYS v PCA (PP from 2.30 p.m.) postponed.**

**TOMORROW**

**FIRST DIVISION**

KMB v S. China "A" (PP from 12.30 p.m.)

Boundary Street, 3.30 p.m.; Referee: R. M. Omar; Lineup: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.

Club v Kwong Wah (PP from 1.15 p.m.)

Club, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Lineup: A. Ribeiro and P. P. Li.

St. Joseph's v Navy (PP from 2.30 p.m.)

Navy, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: A. J. Williams; Lineup: Sgt. Manson and Lt. Blingstone.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**

**SECOND DIVISION**

Army-KI v KMB (PP from 2.30 p.m.)

Chatham Road, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: P. A. Barrett.

PCA v Police (PP from 2.30 p.m.) postponed.

**TRAMWAYS v WD Chinese (PP from 2.30 p.m.)**

Navy, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Blingstone.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

**SECOND DIVISION**

Dockyard v KMB (PP from 1.15 p.m.)

WD Chinese v PCA; Army "I", 3.30 p.m.; Referee: P. A. Barrett.

Army-HK v KMB; Army "II", 5 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward.

Solicitors v Tramways; Club, 3.30 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Chinnell.

Club v Kit Chee; Club, 5 p.m.; Referee: P. A. Barrett.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

**SECOND DIVISION**

Army-KI v Tai Koo; Chatham Road, 3.30 p.m.; Referee: P. A. Barrett.

Navy v St. Joseph's; Navy, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: Sgt. Manson.

South China v Eastern (cancelled).

Police v University (cancelled).

**LEAGUE STANDINGS TO DATE**

**FIRST DIVISION**

	P	W	D	L	Pts
S. China "A"	17	1	1	15	3
Chinese "AA"	17	2	4	11	8
KMB	17	0	4	13	0
Army	17	0	8	9	0
Kit Chee	17	0	8	9	0
Eastern	17	0	8	9	0
St. Joseph's	17	0	8	9	0
S. China "B"	17	0	8	9	0
Club	17	0	8	9	0
Royal Navy	17	0	8	9	0
Police	17	0	8	9	0
HAF	17	0	8	9	0
Kwong Wah	17	0	8	9	0

**SECOND DIVISION**

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chinese "AA"	17	0	8	9	0
KMB	17	0	8	9	0
South China	17	0	8	9	0
Kit Chee	17	0	8	9	0
Army (K)	17	0	8	9	0
Dockyard	17	0	8	9	0
Police	17	0	8	9	0
Tramways	17	0	8	9	0
St. Joseph's	17	0	8	9	0
PCA	17	0	8	9	0
Club	17	0	8	9	0
Solicitors	17	0	8	9	0
Tai Koo	17	0	8	9	0
WD Chinese	17	0	8	9	0

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## TAN WINS STABLEFORD COMPETITION

The Stableford Competition played over the week-end at Fanling was won by Mr. J. M. Tan with a total of 38 points; runners-up being Messrs. M. D. Cooper and L. Jackson with 36.

Two more matches were played in the G.M. Young Cup, the Asiatic Petroleum Company beating Dodwell and Company by five points to three and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank beating Jardine, Matheson and Company by the narrow margin of six holes, being all square on points.

Members wishing to enter for the Shanghai Visitors Cup next Sunday who have not put their names on any of the lists in the club houses or the Hong Kong Club are requested to inform the Secretary by 10 p.m. on Thursday after which time no further entries can be received.

Starting times for the Shanghai Visitors Cup will be published on Friday also ordinary starting times for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Provided there are sufficient numbers, Friday's starting times will be in Thursday's papers.

Hogey and Medal pools will be held on both courses on all four days of the Easter holiday.

## Race Meet Handicaps

### First Day

1. Monksland Handicap (1st Sec.). 14 Miles. Class 2 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (150), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jess Lee (142), Lady Glencairn (151), Liberty Ship (145), May Day (145), Delightful (145), Sun Day (145) and Shun Yung (147).

2. Tai Koo Handicap (1st Sec.). 14 Miles. Class 2 (1949 Points)—Aire and Grace (142), Amaranth (147), Fairy Feet (150), Gypsy Girl (142), Home Builder (137), Jess Lee (142), Lady Glencairn (151), Liberty Ship (145), May Day (145), Delightful (145), Sun Day (145) and Shun Yung (147).

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## CCC BOWLING RINKS READY

The Craigengower Cricket Club bowling rinks will be ready for play on April 15, but the official opening date is set for April 20.

The Police Recreation Club has been invited by Craigengower to send six rinks to take part in a friendly game on the afternoon of the official opening.

## SINGAPORE TEAM HERE

The Army Singapore Football team composed of 15 players arrived yesterday by the S. Duners. They are to play a series of games in Hong Kong.

The following are the players: Whitmore, Butler, Nelson, Simpson, Wilson, White, Todd, Brock, Lousley, Inghs, Ghee, Young, Greenough, Service and Porter.

## RHKYC TO START SAILING LESSONS

(By "RUBBINGSTRAKE")

A new scheme for providing instruction in sailing is starting at the RHKYC almost at once. Members have been circularised to ask whether they will be prepared to instruct or wish to be instructed and complete lists of each set of names will be sent to all concerned.

The idea is that individuals should make arrangements direct with someone on the other list, but it will also be possible to arrange this through the Club. Full details are posted on the Sailing Notice Board.

The summer time-table will be brought into force next week end. The main differences are that the duty boat will leave Kowloon at 1.50 p.m. and Queen's Pier at 2 p.m., otherwise its times are the same. Starting guns will be 15 minutes later on Saturdays and 30 minutes later on Sundays than at present. Full details are posted on the board.

During the week there will be Star and Dinghy races on Tuesday evenings and possibly races for private owner classes. This is being decided shortly and a further announcement will be made. However, the duty boat will leave Kowloon at 5.15 p.m. and Queen's Pier at 6 p.m. This arrangement will start on Tuesday, April 18.

On Thursday evenings, there will be a club night. The duty boat will run at 5.05 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. as for Tuesdays. The emphasis on Thursdays will be instruction. There will be a dinghy race for novices starting at 6 p.m. and the Stars will be available for those who wish to practice before getting on the star helmsmen's list. This arrangement will start on Thursday, April 19.

Members wanting bag lunches for the Easter Sunday club picnic to Taun Wan should inform the Secretary at the club before Friday next. As announced the week before last, a club boat will be in attendance leaving Kowloon Island at about 9.30.

## First Come

The Stars and dinghies will be available for Members not taking their own boats. They should be started with the boatman and will be allocated on the basis of first come first served. There will also be room for members in the club boat. Apart from the Tai Po Race, there will be no organised racing over the weekend although impromptu races will be held if anyone wants them. The Ladies Race is postponed until April 23.

There will be a cruiser race round Hong Kong Island on Sunday May 1 starting at 1000. Further details will be published later.

During the absence of the sailing Captain from the Colony, Mr. P. A. Chidwell will deputise for him.

On Saturday the Jubilee held the eleventh race of the Spring Series and those that have taken part in all races to date can now start eliminating their less spectacular results. The leading boat (Roundelay) has five wins to her credit and has been able to drop a "fifth". While Harmony has won twice and has been able to drop a "fourth". The total points quoted in future will show the best ten results in each year.

Captain Keogh, Mung Pui Pop has won the Spring Dragon Championship series from Ecstasy by 56 pts. to 51.

Week-end results: (with points to date where applicable).

**SATURDAY**

	Pts
Dragon	157.27 (56)
2nd, Ecstasy	121.34 (51)
3rd, Linda	155.02 (30)
4th, Vanessa	2.00.20 (34)
5th, Madras	2.04.20 (40)
6th, Rousalka	2.18.43 (17)

**Jubilees**

	Pts
1st, Roundelay	1.34.30 (108)
2nd, Melody	1.38.25 (78)
3rd, Harmony	1.35.00 (93)
4th, Rhapody	1.39.05 (17)
5th, Stratispy	1.43.30 (34)

## Olympia Leads At Jamaica

New York, April 10. Olympia, favourite for the Kentucky Derby, to be run on May 7, had an impressive victory in the one mile and one-sixteenth Experimental Handicap at Jamaica yesterday.

As a result his price for the three-year-old classic is expected to shorten to five to two.

Olympia became favourite for the Derby recently, when Blue Peter, winter-bred favourite, was withdrawn owing to internal trouble.

Olympia won yesterday's race by seven lengths from Model Cade, with Stone Age third.

He was ridden by Eddie Arcaro, five times winner of the Derby, who will also be his jockey in next month's race.—Reuter.

## SOCCER MATCH

The following will represent the HKFC in their First Division soccer match against Kwong Wah on the Club ground tomorrow at 5.45 p.m.

Caston, Strange, Fowler, Waller, Forrow, Beck, Barclay, Mullen, Nelson, Kiernan and Main.

## RECREIO'S PLAN ON LAWN BOWLS

With more and more players taking up the game of lawn bowls, Club de Recreio, winners in both the Senior and Junior League last year, will enter four teams in the League this season, which is to start on May 14.

By virtue of winning the Junior League, Recreio will field two teams in the first, one in the second one in the third.

With 48 players taking part in league matches every Saturday, Recreio will be hard pushed to find as many greens as are concerned and with this in view the Club are seeking new ways and means to cater for their members.

However, the Kowloon Cricket Club, which has two greens at their disposal, has offered one of their greens to Recreio. Kowloon Bowling Green Club, with three greens have made a similar offer.

The KCC will put three teams in the League as they have an abundance of players at their disposal. Several new players have joined them, including W. Hong Sing who played for CCC last season.

Another player is Charlie Thompson, a left handed bowler from Shanghai. Thompson is a leading bowler from the North.

The Lawn Bowls Sub-committee of the KCC is composed of T. A. Madar (convenor), F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, J. Orem and J. Tibble.

## Three Charged With Possession Of Arms

A Chinese, who is said to have dragged himself into a police station at Shataukok with five bullet wounds, lived to testify against his alleged assailants at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Yau Tsai was, however, giving testimony against Lo Tim, Sung Sing and Li Fong-tse on charges of possession of arms and ammunition, and not of the attempt to murder him.

## CONCERT BY ROYAL MARINE ORCHESTRAS

### (By FIRST-NIGHTER)

A gala evening of music entertainment was presented in grand concert style by the Combined Royal Marine Orchestras of the Far East Fleet excellently conducted by Mr. A. E. Stagg, LRAM, Royal Marines, at the China Fleet Club last night before a full house audience.

The programme of music, pleasant in its variety and thoroughly enjoyable, was unceremoniously applauded by the house, as each item ended. The focus of the instrumental combination was in the soft blending of the brass with the violins in melodious passages.

The ability of the orchestra as a whole and of its conductor in particular, was evident in the last piece ending the first half of the programme: Selection from "Aida," the opera by Verdi. Here the full grandeur of the opera was given its worth.

Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" was in like manner given a commendable interpretation, if only a little soft in its endeavour to be tender.

The only vocalist of the evening received, and deservedly so, in encore ovation: We had Margaret Stewart again, singing Chopin's "Cradle Song" with which she enthralled the audience at the Light Orchestra Concert at the Griggs the night before.

Coming back on enthusiastic demand, Miss Stewart gave "Linden Lea" with equal competence that won her another shower of bouquets.

It was a successful event for the Royal Marines, although they, like others, had their weak moments. This came in the second item of the evening, Handel's "Water Music" which the orchestra was inclined to drag to the point of drying up.

But in the remaining pieces, there was sufficient to make up for this early flaw.

Last night was the Combined Royal Marine Orchestras last performance for some months apart from the concert at the Griggs. To music lovers, this is regrettable.

## WAPPINGS SHAW CONCLUDED

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club winter Wappingshaw was concluded last Saturday. R. F. Phillips came in first with 50 shots up, closely followed by Mr. Pearson with 34.

On the last Saturday Pearson was leading by four shots but he went down while Phillips succeeded in winning.

## New Zealand Team's Baptism Of Fire

(By ARCHIE QUICK)

The fourth New Zealand cricket team to visit Britain gets its baptism of fire at Bradford on April 30 against Yorkshire—a tough assignment for the start of a five-month tour which includes four Tests and 29 other matches.

Though the bowling may be a weak link in its armour, this 1949 side has a wealth of batting talent, and should uphold the fine reputation for enterprising play established by its predecessors and prove very popular wherever it goes.

Great interest is centred on the appearance of Auckland's Bernard Sutcliffe, physical education instructor, aged 25, who may prove to be New Zealand's counterpart of Bradman.

A left hander with all the strokes in his bag—his powerful cover and off-drives and square cuts being a special delight—he sprang to fame by scoring 197 and 128 in one match against Hammond's 1946 MCC side. He has averaged over 100 since and in recent games made four consecutive centuries and was associated in four consecutive double century opening partnerships.

As he is also an outstanding fielder and a useful left-hand spin bowler, we are going to see plenty of him during the Summer.

Another great left-hander who will make our bowlers tell is Martin Donnelly, "bobby" of 11 last touring side, who has now settled in Warwickshire where he is employed by a Birmingham textile firm.

Martin, a double blue and international brilliant cover point, is a tremendous asset, with the added value of knowledge of English cricket conditions and personalities.

The Tourists' captain is W. A. Hadlee, accountant, aged 33, and W. M. Waller, sports goods retailer, aged 32, his deputy; both are strong right handed batsmen and fine stroke players who made their mark over here with Donnelly on the last tour.

Much is also expected of the boot operative J. Reid, aged 20, who was a schoolboy prodigy and is a very free scorer; the astute F. B. Smith, who possesses a terrific square cut; and the imperturbable V. J. Scott, solid right hander of whom Australia's Bill O'Reilly once said after a frustrating day: "If I can get the ball past this chap I will throw a party."

Though the team has seven recognised bowlers, a great deal of work with the ball is bound to fall again on J. Cowie, best fast bowler of the 1937 tour, when he took over 100 wickets. Though Cowie is 30 years old and now

leaves for home by the Duferri next week.

He was survived by his wife and two children. The funeral will take place at 3 p.m. today at Happy Valley.

## Mr. Leslie Coombes Dead

Leslie Griffin Coombes, one of the leading lawn-bowlers of the Colony, died at the War Memorial Hospital on Sunday at the age of 44.

Mr. Coombes was a member of Mr. J. McKelvie's rink that was runners-up in the Colony Open Rinks Championship in 1947. Mr. Coombes played as No. 3.

Mr. Coombes had served in the General Post Office at Kowloon BGC and was due to leave for home by the Duferri next week.

## HOCKEY GAME

The YMCA Hockey team to meet the Navy tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. on the RNRCC pitch will be: Corley, Caynes, Smith, A. Inghs, D. Inghs, Robertson, Glenkingsop, Boycott, Jacques Slater.

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